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PASTORAL RAPPORT FÖR ÅR 1919.

Älskade församling. Nåd och frid.

"Frukta icke du lilla hjord;ty det är eder Faders goda behag att giva eder riket". Luk. 12 : 32.

Med dessa Jesu ord vill jag hälsa eder såsom församling,i denna min första Pastoral rapport,till min första församling såsom Pastor.

Det är altid gott att börja med ett Guds ord,och således riktar jag detta Herrens ord till eder såsom församling.

Vi börja ett nytt Herrens år,och vi vilja börja det i Jesu namn,ett Herrens år har slutits,ett år som har bringat välsignelse till denna församling i mängt och mycket.

Dessa Herrens ord från Luk. 12 : 32 ställer jag till eder såsom en tröstens maningens och uppmuntringens ord.Vi skola ej frukta detta år,ty vad som kommer så må vi veta att Herrens ord stå fast "Frukta icke du lilla hjord",Håll endast fast,kära församling vid det rena ordet,den sanna tron de dyra nådesgåvorna,Lev efter Herrens ord och då behöver ej frukta för Himmel och jord.

Då vi i vara dagar se så myken oro,otro,villfarelse och nöd,så är det en tröst att såsom församling höra ordet "Frukta icke,du lilla hjord" Om vi än äro en liten grupp,så må vi ej säga,det lönas ej att sträva och arbeta.Det onda är för stort och för myket.I Jesu namn går vi fram,den lilla hjorden skall till sist segra.Men vi skola ej sluta upp med arbetet;vi skola ej stå med slappa händer;utan vi skola arbeta för församlingens och Guds rikes framgång,.Alla grenar af församlingen måste samverka.,Alla måste vi sträva för församlingens väl och bästa. Vi såsom församlings medlemmar manas till att verka för ett visat mål,ty i det vi verka för församlingens bästa,verka vi så att Guds rike kommer oss till del.Det manas oss att stå fast även om otron rasar.Det manar oss att lägga bort synden och arbetandet för den syndiga verlden;och att arbeta för Kristi sak att den måtte gå fram.Även om vi se att många äldre ej bry sig om Kyrkan eller Guds ord,och kanske ofta öppet jillar det ogudaktiga,och om vi se att många af ungdomen ej bry sig om kyrkan,ungdomsföreningar och annat,utan hällre giva sig ut på utsvävningar och finna sin glädje i dansen,teateren,m,m, och om vi se barnen olydiga mot föräldrar,ej under Söndags-Skolan,eller Kyrkans inflytande,så står det ett uppmuntringens ord här för oss att Guds församling skall få riker. Upp till strid och arbete och seger du lilla hjord,ty din tröst är Herrens ord du manas till ett Kristet liv,och arbetet skall lönas, segren skall vinnas,du uppmuntras att åter detta år stå fast."Frukta icke,du lilla hjord;ty det är eder faders goda behag att giva eder riket".Herren välsigne församlingen detta år.

Undertecknad holl,sin intrades predikan,i denna församling,sin första efter ordinationen,den 6 juli 1919,Sedan dess hava Gudstjänster hållets varje söndag utom tre söndagar då Pastorn varit borta vid Missions och Konferens-möten.Svenska begagnas vid högmasse gudstjänsterna och Engelska vid afton-

gudstjänsterna,men även om båda språken var begagnats så har det varit få som regelbundet besökt gudstjänsten.Det är oss en personling sak for oss alla.Vad gör du såsom församlings medlem att intressera dig själv och andra att bevista gudstjänsterna regelbundet ?. Här är ett stort fält men vi måste alla hjelpa.

Två nattvardsgånger ha hållets detta år,En på Långfredagen då Pastor Green från Portland var här,och en i Oktober .

Må vi detta år samlas oftare till Herrens nattvard.

Det har nog varit svårt ty utan det Studerande Johnson och Lindau, ha varit har har församlingen varit vakant sedan Pastor Edlund lemnade January 1917. Församlingen har fått en tillökning av 14 medlemmar ,deribland 6 barn.

Må året 1920 visa en mykot stor tillökning att vi nästa år få se denna församling självupphållande.

Åtta (8) barn ha upptagits i det heliga dopet,af dessa är endast ett inom församlingen. Tre vigslar have förrättats av vilka två av kontrahenterna varit medlemmar i församlingen. Sex (6) begrafningar ha förrättats av underteknad, inga av de jordfästade ha varit medlemmar ,men tidigare afjick med döden två församlingmedlemmar.

Söndagsskolan är i gott skick med en god lärarekår men vi sträva for flera barn och ochså flera lärare. Barnen ha haft två festligheter,en vid Påsk,och en Jul.Ochså hölls söndagsskolans utflykt i juli.Söndagsskolan är en mycken viktig gren av församlings arbetet.

Konfirmations klassen är organiserad och räknas nu 19 medlemmar.Det är viktigt för barnen att ta sin konfirmation med allvar och det är glädjande att se så många.

Kvinnoföreningen har i år ochså gjort mycket bra.Regelbundna möten hölls varje månad utom i December.Sales har hållets för att på så sätt få tillsammans penningar.Den har ochså betalt två (2) street Assessments;Församlingen erkänner med tacksamhet denna förenings viktiga verksamhet.

Dorcas föreningen numera Luther förbundet har återigen upptagit arbetet, Ej så få unga tillhörs ,men vi önska mycket flera.Regelbundna möten ha hållets det sista halfåret. Vi hoppas se de yngre deltaga med lust och iver i församlings och ungdomsförenings arbete.

Kyrkokören har hjelpt till vid många gudstjänster,särskilt vid Julen. Vi önska se den stå fast och ökas av många sångare.

Föreningens kyrkostyrelse har sammanträtt fem (5) gånger detta år .De har troget arbetat och sett att församlingens egendom och finnanciella ställning hållits i gott skick.Kyrkans plattform reparerades och är den nu stark och säker.

Året 1920 bringar många problem för oss såsom församling.Vi se med undran framat ty i år fira vi 40 år jubileen av forsamlingens stiftande .Vid detta möte hoppas vi att man tar itag till firande av detta 40 års minne,Ja med alla dessa problem så kommer nog lösningen till det bästa. Så ha vi pensions saken Denna sak bora vi upptaga vid detta xx möte.Låt oss se med hopp framåt på detta år.Låt oss ej miströsta ej frukta,utam sträva framåt allesammans för kyrkens, för Guds sak.Låt oss arbeta att stärka och förbattra både i det finnanciella i kyrkans egendom,i det lekamliga samt i det andliga--"Frukta icke du lilla hjord" "Herren är var herde."

ASTORIA. OREGON. DEN 2 JANUARY 1920.
E. ARTHUR LARSON - PASTOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF DORCAS SOCIETY FOR YEAR 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Collections	$ 9.80	
Apron Sale	30.25	
		40.05

EXPENDITURES.

Delegates - fares	8.70	
		31.35
Balance from Jan.1st 1919	52.77	
		84.12
Interest for year 1919	3.02	
Balance on hand Jan.1st 1920	$87.14	

Hazel Jacobson.(Treas)

REPORT OF SUNDAYSCHOOLS FINNANCES.

Balance on hand July 1st 1919		12.07
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Received collections last 6 months		39.00
Gift from Mrs Holmes		3.00
Christmas collections		24.00
S.S.Picnic July 27		21.05
		99.12
e x p e n s e s		
Picnic July 27		33.25
Christmas Candy		8.00
A.E.Cook,Candy		4.20
Total		45.45

99.12
45.45

Balance on hand Jan.1st 1920.....$53.67

E.Arthur Larson
Superintendent.

TREASURERS REPORT LADIES AID SOCIETY.
for year 1919.

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Collections and gifts	84.90
Sales during year 1919	331.07
Total receipts	415.97

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Advertising,Laundry and Chruch sales	41.30
2nd and 3rd installment of St.Improvements	151.22
Hildebrands Furniture Store	53.85
Total	246.37

Total receipts		415.97
Total expenditures..	246.37	
		169.60
Bal.from Jan.1st 1919	163.55	
Bal.on Hand Jan.1st 1920..	$ 333.15	

Mrs. Wm.Jacobson.

Astoria,Oregon,January 2nd 1920.

A meeting of the Church members of the Swedish First Lutheran Chruch,was held in the Church on the above date at the hour of eight o'clock,p,m.

A quorum of members of the congregation being present,the meeting was opened by singing of Hymn number 204 2nd and 3rd verse,and prayer by Pastor Larson.

The nomination of a Secretary being in order Olof Anderson and Emil Rasmuss were placed in nomination,Mr.Emil Rasmusson declining the nomination, and there being only one nominee,the rules were upon motion suspended and the ballot of the members present cast for Olof Anderson,who was duly declared elected Secretary by the unanimous vote of the members of the congregation present.Mr.Anderson thanked the members for the honor,and accepted and assumed the duties of the office.

R E P O R T S .

Report from E.Arthur Larson,Pastor of the Church for term ending Jan.1st 1920, containing a comprehensive statement of what is necessary in order to build up this Church,was read and the report upon motion adopted,confirmed and approved.

Report from Dorcas Society in regard to receipts and disbursments during year past,was read and upon motion adopted,and a vote of thanks tendered the Society for its good work.

Report from the Sunday School by E/Arthur Larson,in regard to its activities and finnances was read and upon motion adopted,confirmed and approved.

Report from Mrs. Wm.Jacobson,Treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society,for year 1919, showing receipts and disbursments during said year,and balance on hand,was read and upon motion duly adopted,and a vote of thanks tendered to the Society for its splendid work.

The Church Council reported verbally upon the work and activities of the Church, and what is necessary in order to properly carry on the work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. F.S.Elfving a Deacon of this Church tendered his resignation,giving as his reason therefor,that he and his family intend to take a trip to Mr.Elfvings home in Sweden,and that they may decide to reside there permanently;The resignation was upon motion accepted,and Mr.Elfving tendered a vote of thanks for the work ~~xx~~ that he has done while a member of this church and while acting as one of its officers.

Mr. Axel G .Backlund,was placed in nomination for Trustee to fill vacancy now existing xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,there being no further nominations the same were upon motion declared closed,and the rules upon motion suspended, the Secretary being instructed to cast the vote of the members present for Mr. Backlund;The vote was cast accordingly and Mr.Axel G.Backlund,declared duly elected Trustee of this Church/xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Nominations for Deacon to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr.F.S.Elfving, being in order,Mr.Axel Finney,and Mr.Andrew West were placed in nomination; There being no further nominations the same were declared closed and the Chairman appointed as tellers,Mr.Emil Rasmuss and Wm.Jacobson;Ballot was taken with the following result. Axel Finney receiving nine (9) votes,and Mr.Andrew West receiving seven (7) votes; Mr.Axel Finney was declared duly elected Deacon for this Church to fill the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Mr.F.S. Elfving; The Deacons being Olof Anderson.R.Swanson and Axel Finney.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL BEING.

TRUSTEES	Wm. Jacobson.	DEACONS.	Olof Anderson.
	Axel G.Backlund.		R.Swanson
	Oscar Peterson Jr.		Axel Finney.

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It was upon motion desided that the Church Council shall meet on Tuesday January 6th 1920,at the hour of seven o'clock,p,m.

It was moved and duly seconded that cards containing notice of Church dues be printed,motion carried and so ordered/,.

In the matter of repairing tower and cross on Church,the matter after discussion was upon motion referred to the Trustees of the Church,for such action as may be necessary.

In regard to the forty year anniversary of the Church,it was moved and seconded that Pastor E.Arthur Larson be and he is hereby appointed Chairman to make arrangements ,and that he be and is hereby given authority to appoint a committee of eight (8) members of this congregation at his convenience to assist him in making said arrangements;The motion carried and so ordered.

The Secretary was upon motion authorized to purchase a loose leaf Record or Minute book,in which to record proceedings of meetings of the congregation and Church Council.

It was moved and duly seconded that Pastor Larson be and he is hereby granted a vacation for three or four weeks in the Month of June,1920,the motion carried and so ordered.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered to "The Ladies Aid Society,Dorcas Society,Sunday School Teachers,the Church Chorus,and the Janitor for their good work and efficient service.

Mrs. Elsie Youngsted-Engebretsen and Mrs. Frank Johanson were placed in nomination for Organist during the present year,there being no further nominations the same were declared closed and the tellers,namely Mr.Emil Rasmuss and Mr.Wm.Jacobson proceeded to distribute the ballots;Ballot was taken resulting as follows, Mrs.Frank Johanson receiving nine votes,and Mrs Engebretsen five votes,Mrs. Frank Johanson was declared duly elected Organist of the Church for the present year.

Mr. August Olson was duly elected Sexton of the Church for the present year.

Pastor E.Arthur Larson was duly elected Sunday School Superintendent the election being by the unanimous vote of all present.

It was upon motion desided to pay the Organist the sum of $100.00 per year,also that this Church pay the Sexton,the sum of $75.00 per year for his services,xxx.

It being in order to nominate and elect one from this Church to represent it at the Conference to be held in this District,Mrs. Frank Johanson and Mrs. Andrew Mattson were placed in nomination;Ballot was taken resulting in Mrs. Andfew Mattson receiving 7 votes and Mrs Frank Johanson receiving five votes, Mrs. Andrew Mattson was then declared duly elected to represent this Church at the Conference to be held later.

Mrs.Frank Johanson was elected Alternate Delegate,by the unaimous vote of the members present.

No other business appearing the meeting was closed with Song,and prayer offered by Pastor E.Arthur Larson.

Attest;

Olof Anderson

Secretary.

MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL JANUARY 6th 1920.

The Church Council met on above date subject to call,at the hour of 7.30 O'clock,p,m, Reverend E.Arthur Larson,presiding.

A quorum being present the following business was transacted.

It was moved and seconded that the congregation pay to Elsie Engebretsen,the sum of $50.00 account of services as Organist during last year;The motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved and seconded that the congregation pay to Mrs Frank Johanson,the sum of $20.00 for services as Organist during year 1919;The motion carried and so ordered .

A motion was duly made and seconded that the congregation pay to Mr.August Olson the sum of $20.00 and to Mr.Oscar Peterson Sr.the sum of $4.00,and credit Mr. Oscar Peterson Sr.with $8.00 on his Church dues,all for services rendered as Janitor during year 1919,the motion carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer was upon motion directed to pay the parties aforesaid in said amounts as soon as possible,from money in Treasury.

It was moved and duly seconded that Rev.E.Arthur Larson be and is hereby granted the consent of the Church Council to obtain $200.00,from the Ladies Aid Society of this Church;the motion carried and so ordered.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned in due form.

Attest;

Olof Anderson,

Secretary

By E.Arthur Larson acting pro-tem.

MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

PRESENT AT ABOVE AND FOREGOING MEETING.

Axel G.Backlund. Axel Finney.R.Swanson.Oscar Peterson Jr.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL HELD

MARCH 16th 1920.

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The Church Council of the First Swedish Lutheran Church met on above date at the hour of 7.30 o'clock,p,m,Rev.E.Arthur Larson,presiding.

Roll called and the following noted present,Axel.G.Backlund, Wm.Jacobson,Axel Finney,and Oscar Peterson Jr.

In attendance Rev.E.Arthur Larson,Chairman.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

The meeting being called for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the 40 year anniversary of the Church;

It was decided that Rev.Larson see Hildebrand and Co.about renting fifty chairs for the forty year celebration.

It was decided that Rev.Larson should try to obtain ushers for the festivities.

As a large number of Ministers will be here for the forty year anniversary it was decided that we take them out for an auto ride, preferably Tuesday March 23rd after 5 o'clock,p,m,.

It was also considered advisable that the Church Council be present at the installation ceremonies of our Pastor.

Rev.Larson was upon motion asked to mail letters to the Church members concerning the "Pension Fund Drive" in order to try and obtain and secure the required sum before the Columbia Conference meeting.

After discussing various other matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church and congregation the meeting duly adjourned.

Attest;

Secretary.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE SWEDISH FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, HELD AT THE PARSONAGE Sept. 20th 1920.

A meeting of the Church Council of the First Swedish Lutheran Church was held at the Parsonage on the above date, Rev. E. Arthur Larson, presiding.

Roll called and the following members of the Church Council noted present; Axel. G. Bæklund, Wm. Jacobson, Axel Finney and Oscar Peterson Jr.

In attendance E. Arthur Larson Pastor of the Church.

The meeting was called to order, and being for the purpose of unofficially confer regarding the proposed merger of the first Lutheran and Memorial English Luth. Churches in this City. The following motion was made and duly seconded " That the First Swedish Lutheran Congregation invite the congregation of the Memorial Luth. Church to join together in one Lutheran Church, in Astoria, Oregon, to the called the First Lutheran Church, that in the future if the Church grows, at an opportune time sell the present property's and build a large church in what appears then to be the most central part of the City" The motion after a thorough discussion was put and duly carried.

On motion the meeting duly adjourned.

Attest;

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Secretary. By E. Arthur Larson
Acting Pro Tem.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 5th 1920.

The comgregation of the First Swedish Lutheran Church met in special session on above date at the hour of 7.30 o'clock, p,m, at the Church.

The meeting was opened by singing a psalm after which Rev. C. R. Swanson of Seattle had Scripture reading and prayer.

The purpose of the meeting being to decide concerning a proposed merger of the First Swedish Lutheran Church and the Memorial Lutheran Church, a recommendation was read having been drawn up at a meeting of the combined Church Councils the week previous.

Rev. C. R. Swanson representing the Columbia Conference Mission Board, spoke very strongly in favor of the merger.

After a full discussion of the question, the following motion was made duly seconded and passed."

"That the First Swedish Lutheran Church go on record as favoring a merger between the aforesaid Church and the Memorial English Lutheran Church Congregatio That for the present and for the time being both churches be used and one Pastor serve them, that the official language be English; That the present Church properties be kept and at a future time disposed of , and a new Church built; on a site centrally locate, as decided by the United Congregation."

On motion of adjournment the meeting was closed by singing of a psalm, and the pronouncing the benediction.

Attest;

O. J. Anderson
Secretary.

E. Arthur Larson, Chairman.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL DECEMBER 12th 1920.

The Church Council met at the Home of Mrs.Olof Anderson,326-16th street,on above date at the hour of two o'clock,p,m,.

Roll called and the following noted present.

Axel Finney.	R.Swanson.
Oscar Peterson Jr.	Wm.Jacobson.
Olof Anderson.	Axel G.Backlund.

Pastor E.Arthur Larson,presiding,and Olof Anderson acting Secretary.

Records of previous meetings were read and approved.

The fannancial condition of the church was discussed,and it was upon motion desided that an effort will be made to see all members of the congregation ,and induce those who have not done so to pay up their dues, before the close of the year.

The advisability of adopting the "Envelope system" in collecting dues for the church from its members was discussed pro and con,and after careful consideration it was moved and seconded that Pastor E.Arthur Larson purchase one hundred (100) sets of envelopes,fifty-two (52) in each set for church collection of dues and other collections,to be used during year 1921,the motion was put and duly carried,and the Pastor requested to purchase the said envelopes accordingly.

The Secretary was upon motion instructed to prepare a list of the members of the congregation of this Church to be used by the solicitors in aiding and assisting them in the collection of membership dues,the idea being to mark and write 1st the name,and 2nd mark members who have paid during year.

The following members of the Church Council volunteered to act as solicitors as follows,to-wit; Oscar Peterson Jr.to take care of all that portion of the City of Astoria lying east of the center line of 17th street,together with Mr.Axel Finney.

Mr.Axel G.Backlund and Mr.Wm.Jacobson to take care of all that portion of the City of Astoria,lying west of the center line of 17th street .

Nothing further appearing the meeting duly adjourned,subject to call by the Pastor.

Attest;-

Olof Anderson

Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST SWEDISH LUTHERAN

JANUARY 3rd 1921.

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The members of the congregation of the First Swedish Lutheran Church met in annual session on above date at the hour of eight o'clock,p,m,in the Church.

In attendance a quorom of members,~~xxx~~ E.Arthur Larson Chairman, and Olof Anderson Secretary .

Records of meetings held by the Congregation during the year together with reports for year 1919,were read and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

It being in order to elect a Secretary for the present year,the following were placed in nomination,Albert Engebretsen,Emil Rasmus,Mr.Emil Rasmus declining,and his reason for declining being considered sufficient by the congregation,the nominations were upon motion declared closed ;There being only one nominee the rules were upon motion suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Congregation for Albert Engebretsen,the vote was cast accordingly and Mr. Albert Engebretsen,declared elected Secretary for the present year by the Unanimous vote of the members present.

The term of R.Swansons as Deacon expiring,and it being in order to elect his successor ,R.Swanson,was placed in nomination,there being no further nominations the same were declared closed,and the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of the congregation present for Mr.Swanson,the vote was cast accordingly and R. Swanson declared elected Deacon for a term of three years by the unanimous vote of the members present.

It being in order to elect one Trustee of the Church the following were placed in nomination Emil Rasmus,Oscar Peterson Jr.Carl Moberg,F.S.Elfving,there being no further nominations the same were upon motion declared closed and the ~~xxxxxxx~~ following appointed as tellers,Wm.Jacobson and Axel Finney; Ballot was taken with the following result Carl Moberg receiving 2 votes,F.S.Elfving 3 votes,and Emil Rasmus receiving 18 votes.Mr.Emil Rasmus was declared duly elected Trustee of the Church for a term of three years.

Mrs. Albert Engebretsen was placed in nomination for Organist for the present year,there being no further nominations the same were declared closed and the rules upon motion suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of the members present for Mrs.Albert Engebretsen for Organist of the Church,the vote was cast accordingly and she was declared duly elected by the unaimous vote of the members present.

Mrs.Frank Johanson was placed in nomination for assistant organist,there being no further nominations the same were declared closed and the rules upon motion suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of the congregation for Mrs.Frank Johanson for assistant Organist,The vote was cast by the Secretary and she was declared duly elected assistant organist by the unanimous vote of the members present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

The election of a Sunday School Supt. being next in order the Rev.E.Arthur Larson was placed in Nomination.Mrs.E.Arthur Larson was placed in nomination, there being no further nominations the same were upon motion declared closed, the same tellers officiating,ballot was taken with the following result, Mrs.E.Arthur Larson receiving 12 votes and E.Arthur Larson receiving 10 votes, Mrs.E.Arthur Larson was declared duly elected.

It being in order to elect a delegate to annual conference,the following were placed in nomination,Mrs.William Jacobson,Mr.F.S.Elfving,Mrs.E.Arthur Larson, and Mrs.Carl Moberg,the same tellers offciating,ballot was taken with the following result,Mrs.Wm.Jacobson,8 votes,Mrs.E.Arthur Larson 8 votes,Mrs.Carl Moberg 5 votes and Mr.F.S.Elfving 4 votes.Mrs.E.Arthur Larson declined,and her reasons for declining being satisfactory to the members present,It was moved and duly seconded that Mrs.Wm.Jacobson,be selected as delegate to the annual conference,the motion carried and so ordered and Mrs.Wm.Jacobson declared elected delegate to said conference by the unanimous vote of the members present.

Mrs.E.Arthur Larson was elected alternate delegate to the annual conference in case Mrs.Wm.Jacobson should be unable to attend.

Mr.August Olson,was elected Sexton of the Church,and gave his promise to attend to the work to the best of his ability.

It was moved and seconded that the salary of the Organist be and the same is hereby fixed at $100.00 for the year,the motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved and seconded that the salary of the Janitor be and the same is hereby fixed at $75.00 per year,it was moved to amend by inserting $100.00 per year instead of $75.00,the amendment was put to a vote and duly carried,the motion as amended fixing the salary of the Janitor at $100.00 for the year was then put and duly carried.

It was stated in regard to the Pastor's salary that the Columbia Conference (Mission Board) during last year allowed the sum of $600.00 for his salary providing this congregation allow an additional $100.00,making the salary of the Pastor $800.00 from this congregation and $600.00 from the conference,the proposition as made by the conference was upon motion accepted,and this congregation will pay the Pastor for year 1920,the sum of $800.00.

It was moved and seconded that we petition the Mission Board for $600.00 to assist us in paying the Pastor's Salary of $1400.00 for the present year, the motion carried and so ordered.

The envelope system and pledge cards in paying church dues,was submitted,and after discussion adopted upon motion to that effect being duly made and carried.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered the Pastor for his good work during the year past.

A vote of thanks was upon motion tendered the Organist,the Sexton,and all officers of the church for their work during the year 1920.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Ladies Aid,the Dorcas,Luther League, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers for their splendid work during the past year.

REPORTS.

Report from Secretary- Treasurer of Luther League,as follows;

A S S E T S .

Balance on Jan.1st 1920.....	$159.90
Concert proceeds.....	28.00
Received from Dorcas Society....	40.10
Halloween party proceeds.....	17.25
Xmas party proceeds.....	6.25
Walkout-- proceeds	.70
Total assets.....	$[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Drayage for piano.....	$ 6.00	
Amount paid on piano.....	245.35	251.35
Balance on hand		.91

Signed Ruth Slotte,Sec.

The report was read and upon motion adopted and placed on file.

The Report of the Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church,Astoria,Oregon.

The Dorcas Society was re-organized a girls Society on October 7th 1920, at the parsonage,entertained by Rev.and Mrs.E.Arthur Larson.

The Officers are: Pres.Mrs.E.A.Larson.
Vice Pres. Mildred Birch.
Sec'y.Treas.Esther Nelson.

Meetings are held the first tuesday of each month at the homes of different members.Three meetings have been held this year.There are 18 members enrolled.

During these three months,splendid spirit and work has been done,-In the future hope for a larger "Dorcas Society"
Mrs.E.A.Larson,Pres.

The report was read and motion adopted and placed on file.

Report from Dorcas Society.

Oct. 22nd 1920. Sale- Proceeds.....	$40.10	
Nov. meeting.....	1.30	
Dec. meeting.....	1.65	.....$43.05

EXPENSES.

Nov. for Piano.....	40.10
Bal.....	3.15

Esther J.Nelson.
Sec. Treas.

Report from Ladies Aid,of the Church was read by Mr.Wm.Jacobson,showing,as follows. Amount received during year 1920.....$423.60

Amount from year 1919,.....	333.15
	756.75
Amount disbursed during year 1920.....	541.34
Balance on hand Dec. 31st 1920.....	215.41

The report after being read was upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CHURCH FOR YEAR ENDING DEC.31st 1920.
To the members of the Swedish First Lutheran Church of Astoria,Oregon.
G R E E T I N G .

I herewith submit my report for year ending December 31st 1920 showing receipts and(expenditures) Disbursments for said year, to be as follows,to-wit:

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R E C E I P T S .

Acct. of dues	$779.13
Acct. Collections	480.08
Acct. Ladies Aid	300.00
Acct. Rents and etc	74.50
Total	1.633.71
Bal. from year 1919	179.00

Total to be accounted for.....$1.812.71

D I S B U R S M E N T S .

Salary paid Pastor	802.35
Salary paid other persons	102.00
Supplies purchased	43.19
Water	30.00
Light	22.10
Insurance	4.80
J.&.S.Dues	67.20
S.A.Lindholm	14.59
Repairs to Church	189.62
Missions and etc	220.64
Bibles purchased	36.00
Xmas offering for Pastor	80.60
Miscellaneous	1.10
t o t a l d i s b u r s m e n t s	1.614.19

Balance on hand in Astoria National Bank

December 31st 1920..... $198.52

Attached to this report ,please find list of members who have paid dues during year 1920,and amount paid by each.

Thanking you for the uniform courtesy extended me as your Treasurer,during year 1920,and kind assistance rendered,

I am,

Sincerely yours.

Olof Anderson,

Treasurer.

The report after being read was upon motion referred to the Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr.Emil Rasmus and Carl Moberg. The report of other officers of the Church as read this evening were also referred to said committee.

A N N U A L R E P O R T O F

E. ARTHUR LARSON, PASTOR.

Pastoral Rapport till forsta Evangeliska Lutherska Forsamlingen i Astoria,Oregon den 3dje January 1291.

Nad och frid kare forsamlingsmedlemmar.Aterigen aro vi forsamlade till arsmote Ett ar har alleredan flytt sedan sist vi samlades att radgora om forsamlingens val och framgang. Nu da vi aterigen aro har for att borja vart arsmote sa bedja vi,att Herren matte valsigna det som forsiggar i afton och vi vilja da borja i Jesu namn;-

Ett lampligt Guds ord for detta tillfalle ar detta fran Efesium 5; 25- 26 "Kristus har alskat forsamlingen och utgivet sig sjalv for henne pa det att han skall helga henne". Kristus ar forsamlingens huvud,han har grundat sin forsamling pa jorden och har givit henne liv och bekannelse.Sasom forsamlingens huvud,sa ochsa har han banat vagen for medlemmarne till salighet och fralsning,sasom forsamlingens huvud har Kristus ickeinstiftat den och sedan

lemnat den att sjelv uppehallas och strida och bliva bestaende ,utan han har alskat henne.

Guds karlek visade sig till varlden och dess slakte,i det att Gud sande sin egen Son,som blev maniska.Gud ville manniskornas fralsning,och Sonen Jesus Kristus maste givas for att fralsa manniskorna fran deras synd. Saledes da Gud i sin stora karlek har utgjivit sonen,sa har Jesus Kristus stiftat sin forsamling pa jorden vari de som tror pa honom,de aterloste forsamlas for att da tiden ar inne Kristus ma stalla sin forsamling sasom sin brud infor Gud Fader,renad i blodet ,rengjord fran synder,helig och rattfardig.Sa kan man forsta att Jesus Kristus uppehaller sin forsamling pa jorden,da det ar Kristi rike i varlden,och nu da han sitter pa fadrens hogra sida sa vakar han och styr han forsamlingen,Ty den Helige Anda Sanningens Ande,som han har sant varkar i varlden,i forsamlingen i manniskohjartan och uppehaller saledes forsamlingen genom tron,och nademedlen, Guds ord och Sakramenten.

Det kostade Gud sin enfodda Son;Det kostade Sonen sitt lidande och dod,att vinna sin forsamling,och som forsamlingen saledes ar sa dyrkopt och vi are medlemmar Guds stridande forsamling pa jorden are vi kallade uppa att troget vandra i forsamlingens gemenskap och strida for Guds rikes framgang.

Kristus har utgivit sig sjelv henne pa det att han skulle helga henne, Har se vi orsaken for Kristi stallefortradande,lidande och dod namnligen att han skulle heliggora forsamlingen,namnligen dig och mig,och varfore- derfore att han alskade oss-tank alskat oss sa hogt att han gatt i doden for oss.

Det manar oss saledes sasom forsamlingmedlemmar att detta aret 1921,hava Kristus standigt framfor oss sasom vart huvud och fralsare,att lata nadens verk till helgelse verka i oss,att battra oss fran vara synder och att i ord och vandel leva ett helgadt liv,ett liv i Kristus och for Kristus,och strava for det andliga,att det ma bli det yppersta och icke det lekamliga och jordiska;Ja -dit att Guds rike ma hava framgang och var forsamling sasom ett ljus ma lysa maniskor till Kristus.Da skall detta ar bliva ett nadens ar for denna forsamling och ett Guds valsignat ar.-

Gudstjanster i ar hava hallets mycket regelbundet.Hogmasso-Gudstjanster klocken 10 : 45 f,m,are pa Svenska och afton-Gudstjansten klockan 7:30 eller 8 e,m, are pa Engelska .Gudstjanstbesoken vid vissa tillfallen,sarskilt vid 40 ars festen,Konfirmationen pa Palm-Sondagen,Pask-dagen,och vid Julen hava varit mycket val besokta.Detta ar som har forflutet har varit for manga ett ar saledes av trohet i forhallande till Gudstjanstbesok;Men vi maste anmarka da man vet att kommunikant antalet ar ungefar 100 och endast 20 till 30 regelbundet bevistar Gudstjansten,att medlemmarne bora kanna det som en sarskild trohets plikt,ty det ar till stor inflytelse till unga och gamla att karaktaren styrkas och bevaras.

Angaende sprakfragan sa borde vi se att det allmanna behovet ar med Engelska.Ty ungdomen bor uppfostras till Gudstjanstbesok ,och kanske en Engelsk Gudtjanst i manaden pa sondagsformidagen skulle avhjelpa denna sak,att ej barnen ga hem fran sondagsskolan utan stanna for gudstjansten,och att en bibelklass upprattas och ungdomen stannar saledes for Gudstjansten.

En uppmaning bor stallas till de aldre att de flitigt bevista och sa pa

exemplets bana satter ett godt exempel for edra barn och de unga,ty om de se eder vara likgiltiga i forhallande till forsamlingen sa bliva de det samme.

Herrens heliga nattvard har hallets detta ar fyra ganger - 3 pa Svenska, och en pa Engelska,till valsignelse for nattvardsgasterna.Men for manga utebliva fran herrans bord ,och vo hoppas och bedja detta ar flera ma framtrada, till Herrens bord vid dessa hogtidliga tillfallen.

I March den 21- 23 holls en hogtidlig fest.Alla Distrikets Pastorer samt Konferensens Ordforande Pastor C.R.Swanson voro narvarande,trykta program utgavos och denna fastlighet var val lyckad.Vid samma tillfalle holls Pastors installation da Pastor E.A.Larson installerades i sitt ambete sasom Pastor av denna forsamling .

Palm Sondagen var den stora konformations dagen da 17 ungdomar forhordes och avgavo sina trohetsloften,samt undfick Herrens Heliga Nattvard och upptogos till medlemmar av forsamlingen.

I Juni manad beviljades Pastor fritid och reste bort under den tiden.Da han aterkom forde han med sig sin unga hustru.Den 26te Juni,dagen da de atervande holl forsamlingen mottagning for dem och visade sin stora karlek till dem mett att lyckonska dem med en gava av $268.00.Sarskilt tacksam kanner Pastorn och hans fru sig for denna stora gava.

Tacksagelsedagen holld Gudstjanst i kyrkan da 1sta Norska Lutherska forsamlingen var med och deras Pastor ,- Pastor Neste,predikade,ochsa hojdes Gudstjansten med sang av koren.

Jul Gudstjansten var mycket val besokt ,sarskilt jul-otta och sondagsskolans barnfast.Pastorn will harmed med sin fru uttryka sin sjertliga tack for jul-offringen som utgick till $80.60.

Sondagsskolan har gjort bra detta ar ,vi rakna ungefar 60 i sondagsskolan Barnen visa intresse och lararekarenkommer mycket regelbundet.De som aro tjenstemen och larare aro S.S.Forestandare Pastor E.A.Larson, Sekreterare Roy Engebretsen,S.S.Larare Fru Frank Johanson,Fru E.A.Larson,Froknarna Esther Nelson Hazel Jacobson,Ruth Slotte and Mildred Birch,samt Pastor E.Arthur Larson.

Vi hoppas och bedja at S.S. far rona stor framgang i ar och att forsamlingen understoder den altljamt.Vi tackar S.S .tjansteman och lararinnor for deras trogna arbete och varma intresse for denna viktiga sak. Sondagskolbarnen hava haft tav festligheter som voro val lyckade,namnligen Pask-festen, och Jul-festen ochsa holls S.S.Arliga utflykt i Augusti och manga kommo med.

Tre foreningar inom forsamlingen arbeta for des val,bland ungdomen och bland kvinnorna.Kvinnornas forening har tillryggalagt ett framgangsrikt ar sasom dess rapporter kommer att visa,Moten halles varje manad och dessa moten ha varit val besokta.Nya medlemmar hava ochsa intagets.Sa har foreningen skankt forsamlingen $300.00,och avensa betalt for prasthusets rengoring,tapsering och aven malning.Deras hostaktionax i Oktober lyckades val och en summa av $215.00 intogs.

Luther forbundet har ochsa havit ett gott ar.Ungefar 40 ungdomar aro aktiva medlemmar.Denna forening har i ar kopt Piano och utom $80.00 ar den till fullo betalt.Vi se fram till ett lyckad ny ar for denna forening.Den moter var 2dje torsdag i hem och i kyrkan.

Dorcas foreningen - Fliskornas syforening har igen paborjats.Den har verkat 3 manader och ar under Fru E.A.Larson's ledning.Den ochsa har hjalpt betala Piano som Luther Forbundet kopte.

Alla vara foreningar fortjana forsamlingens tack och understod.Lycka till ett gott nytt ar i forsamlingsverksamheten.

Kyrkoren har vid vissa tillfallen uppstadt och hjalpt vid Gudstjansten . Vi hoppas att den kan hallas tillsammans hela aret.For vad den gjort tackar vi hjartligt.Dess arbete ar behovligt for var forsamlingsverksamhet.

Fru Albert Engebretsen har haft Orgelnist syslan och assisterad av fru Frank Johanson har allt gatt bra. Vi tackar for troget arbete.

18 have under aret konformerats.6 par vigda,14 hava blivet jordfastade och 15 barndop forrattats.Av de dopta voro 2/ 3 av barnens foraldrar medlemmar av forsamlingen.Stor sorg har drabbats hem och forsamling ,da Herr Andrew Bjork, Herr John Nordstrom,of Herr John Larson fick hembud.Gud trosta de sorjande som efterlemnats.Utom de konformerade ha 15 nya medlemmar foremat sig med forsamlingen daribland 5 minderarige barn.Kommunikationsantalet raknar nu 120 , medlemantalet 172. Tva kommunikanter ha flyttats fran Astoria,till Augustana forsamlingen i Portland,Oregon.

Saledes i det lekamliga omradet har det gatt sardeles bra.Vi Pastor och Fru are glada att vara med i forsamlingsarbetet .Battre tider synas nalkas i framtiden for denna forsamling bade i medlemsantal,i finnanciellt hanseende och i religiost hanseende.

Och nu kare forsamling och dyra medlemmar,latom oss ga det nya aret till motes i hopp och visshet om att Kristus ar huvudet for denna forsamlingen,och leder den till ett lyckligt och valsignatt GOTT NYTT AR.

IMANUEL.

Astoria,Oregon,den 3dje January 1921.
E.Arthur Larson.Pastor.

RAPPORT TILL FORSTA LUTH.FORSAMLINGEN,

i Astoria,Oregon,over Sondagsskolans varksamhet,for ar 1920,samt ochsa deras finnanciella rapprt for ar 1920.

Sondagsskolans forestandare ar underteknad.Deras Organist ar Mrs.Frank Johanson, Dess Sekreterare ar Roy Engebretsen. Dess Kassor,ar underteknad.

Dess lararekar raknas de ovannamnda samt Mrs.E.Arthur Larson,Froknarna Esther Nelson,Hazel Jacobson,Ruth Slotte,och Mildred Birch.

Moten ha hallats varje Sondag klockan 9:30 f,m,Allt forsigas pa Engelska spraket.Sondagen den 28de Mars holls ingen Sondagsskola pa grund utav Konfirmation Den 15de Augusti holls utflykten pa William Larson's farm i Lewis and Clark, Vid slutet av aret raknades 56 barn och 7 larare.

Sondagsskolan har haft tvenne fatsligheter- Pask och Jul och voro dessa val besokta och val utforda.Allt gar bra i verksamheten .Barnen are horsamma och sasom regel lara sina laxor..De besoka sondagsskolan bra regelbundet.Vi hoppas att det nya aret ma bringa mycken framgang och valsignelse till sondagsskolan.

E.Arthur Larson.

Forestandare

ASTORIA, OREGON DEN #DEE JANUARY 1921.

Finnanciell Rapport.

INKOMSTER.

Balance pa hand 1919.....	86.90	.....86.90
Genom kollekten i S.S.....	78.16	
For Luther Drive.....	20.65	
Nask Kollekt.....	13.30	
Nienic Kollekt Aug.15.....	12.50	
Forsalgning vid Nienic.....	25.00	
Forsalgning av Bocker.....	1.95	
Fran Mrs.Gus.Holmes.....	3.00	
Jul Kollekt.....	33.00	187.56
		$ 274.46

UTGIFTER.

Bocker och Tidningar.....	103.20
Easter Eggs.....	7.00
Lutheran Drive.....	20.65
Utgifter for Nienic.....	32.50
Utgifter for Jul Sandy och boxes.....	14.95
	178.30

INKOMSTER.....274.46

UTGIFTER..... 178.30

I KASSA DEN 1 January 1921.....$96.16

E.Arthur Larson,Treasurer,

Astoria,Oregon,den 3dje January 1921.

Motet afslutades med att sjunga sista varsen av Psalmen 500.

Attest;

O. G. Anderson

Sekreterare.

We the undersigned, duly elected auditors to auditnthe Treasurer's report for the year 1920 of the finances of the FIRST EV. LUTH. CHURCH, ASTORIA, ORE, have this day duly checked over all accounts and reports of the Treasurer and submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for the year 1920 in perfect accord with the Treasurer's accounts.

Balance for year1919		$179.00
Receipts " " 1920		1633.71
	Total	$1812.71
Total expenditures 1920		1614.19
Total in Treasury Jan. 1921		$ 198.52

Respectfully submitted,

EMIL RASMUS

CARL O. MOBERG.

ASTORIA, ORE. FEB.1, 1921.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1921

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. on Jan. 2, 1922. The Meeting was opened by a song followed by a reading of the scriptures.

Rev. M. .. Larson opened the meeting . The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved .

The office of Secretary was declared open. A. T. Engbretsen was nominated. .. motion that the ~~nominationation--bee~~) nomination be closed was made and seconded. The motion carried and A. T. Engbretsen was elected as Secretary.

Rev. Larson then read the Pastor's report. A motion was made that the report be accepted as read except that portion of the report dealing with the financial records. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read and also the Auditor's Report . A motion was made that the report s be accepted as read. The motion carried.

The report of the Ladies'Aid was read and accepted.A

A motion was made and carried that the report of the Luther League be refered to the Auditing Comm. The motion was carried.

The report of the Sunday School was read and adopted. The report was refered to the Auditing Comm.

The report of the Dorcas Society was read and adopted . It was also refered to the Auditing Comm.

Nominations for Deacons were in order. Mr. olaf Andersona and Mr. John Slotte were nominated but Mr. Slotte declined.

Mr. B. Rasmus made the motion that Mr. Olaf Anderson be re-elected as Deacon for the next three years and the Secy. cast the ballot. for Mr. Anderson.

Nominations for Trustee's were declared open.Those nominated were Mr. Wm. Jacobsom, Mr. Herman Slotte. Mr. Slotte was elected.

The nominees for Organist were Mrs. F. Johanson, Mrs. Engbretsen, and Miss Mildred Birch. A motion was made and carried that the nominations be closed. The first votes stood as follows.

Mrs Frank Johanson --------7

Mrs. Engbretsen ----------3

Miss Birch----------7

As there was a tie between Mrs. Johanson and Miss Birch, the Nomination for the two were reballotted and Miss. Birch was elected.

The nominees for Sexton were Wm. Jacobson and Roy Engbretsen but Roy Engbretsen declined.A motion was made that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Jacobson be elected as secretary and that the Secretary cast the ballot. The motion carried. Mr. Jacobson declined the nomination. A motion was made and carried that we accept Mr. Jacobson's resignation.

A motion was made and carried that the matter of selecting a Sexton be refered to the Church Board at their next meeting.

Rev. M. A. Larson was nominated Sunday School Superintendent. The nomination was closed and Rev. Larson was elected.

A motion was made and carried that the salaries of the Organist and Janitor be $100 each for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

The matter in a portion of the Pastor's report was refered to. Mr. Anderson brought up the point of $300 from the conference and gave a short talk on this matter.

Mr. Anderson made a motion that the report be amended so as to include a petition for $600 instead of $300 from the Conference.

MIr. Rasmus said that we should) he thought that we should ask for only $300 as we would be better able to support our church in the future.

Mr. Moberg thought that Skamokawa should stand a greater share of the Pastor's salary as it gets a greater share than we do.

Mr. Rasmus also thaught that a greater share of the Pastor's salary Should be borne by Skamakawa.

Mr. Rasmus made a motion that the congregation gime give $900 towards that Pastor's salary and that we petition the conference for $400 more for the coming year. The motion was carried.

A motion was made and carried that the matter of repairin the gutter be refered to the trustees with power to act.

Mr. Rasmus feported on the financial system. He recommended that instead of the weekly system a monthly system be used. Small donations were di difficult to handle and kept account of.

A motion was made and carried that we petition the Ladies' Aid $400. The Dorcas.$50000, the Luther League $50.00 for the coming year.

A motion was made and carried that the matter of securing funds-for-be refered to the trustees for their action.

The delegates to the dDistrict Conference were as follows-

Mrs. Moberg----------2

Mr. Rasmus----------6

Mrs. Larson----------9

Mrs. (ae-elected) Larson was elected and Mr. Rasmus an alternate,

The delegates to the Columbia Conference were as follows---

Mr. H. Slotte , declined

Mr. Olaf Anderson,declined.

Mr. Finney, declined.

Mr. Backlund,was unanimously elected. and Mr. Wm. Jacobson was elect-as an alternate.

A motion was made that we thank all the organization and Organist and all others for their faithful work.Ith was unanimously carried by a standing vote.

PASTOR'S REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST EVAN-

EVAN CHURCH _____, OREGON JANUARY 2, 1922

DEAR AND BELOVED---

Again a year has passed and we are gathered together to consider an plan and make decisions for the furtherance of the kingdom of Godand the spiritual and the material development of the Church for the New Year--the year of our Lord 1922. To this end we invoke the grace help of God thru our Lord Jesus Christ and pray for strength to be faithful members of Christ's Church on earth; Therefore we present this word of God as our mottoand ideal to zealously strive for in this year 1922. " BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE YOU A CROWN OF LIFE" REV.2:10.

If there is any place where faithfulness is needed it is the Church. To be a Christian is the hardest thing on earth.And to be faithful to God, to your Church and to man demandsthe use of allthe best qualities in yourself of body, mind and soul. Every day of our life is a test in faithfulness. We are tested and so often are found wanting. But Christ can make us strong and able to gain the victory. We must not give up the spirituality is at a low ebb in the world at present. We must not give up until death.

We of this Congregation have different positions tofill, but from the lowest to the highest faithfulness is demanded, Every memberof this Congregation must realize his unfaithfulness to God and Church,when Church attendance is neglected. when the reading of the word of God is forgotten and when prayer is laid aside. Yoday more than ever we need consecrated. devoted men and women as members of this congregation who are regular Church attenderts, who are spiritually strong because they partake ofnthe word of God and commune with Him thru prayer, and willingly give and serve because the love God and the Church.

Therefore one all must strive to be faithful, as pastor, as deaconsm as trustees, as S. S, teachers, as orgenist, as choir menvers, as sexton, or as just members of the Congregation faithfulness is asked. And knowing this, that we have positions of trust to fulfill in the Chutch, should we be indefferent, should we willfully sin and break the law both the moral and civil law, should we give accasion to outsiders to say "Look atthe hypocrites, who clain to be leaders in a Christion Church."We should nof be this, but we should ve faithful.

This year 1922 this congregation can only go forward of the members are faithful, if they confess their sins, are converted and and seek for salvatin of themselves and others. The reward of faithfulness unto death is a crown of life.(This reward of faithfulness unto death is)this is given by Christ. Let us strive to be faithful, looking for the eternal reward,

A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR OUR CONGREGATION FOR THE YEAR1922 IN JESUS NAME .

Divine services have been held practically every Sunday excepting two or three, namely the Sunday when attending the Columbia Conference meeting in March, The Luther League District meeting the first Sunday in September and the last Sunday in October and Novenber when services were held in [illegible], Wash.

This year the 1st & 3d & 5th Dundays services have been held in English [illegible] the morning and in [illegible] in the afternoon. On the 2d & 4th Sun-

davss services have been in the English in the morning and Swedish in the evening. This arrangement has been satisfactory but it is to be noted that practically the same people attend the Swedish or English services. Attendance is not satisfactory but it is to be noted that (pr)except on a few occassions such as Easter, Confirmation and Christmas when the Church is filled. We ask for more regular and faithful attendance at the divine worship. We also recommend the continuance of service in the manner held the year 1921, urging the young people especially to attend English services. But parents and elders must set the example. Let it bes so.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been celebrated 4 times, once in English and three times in Swedish. We must not forget the importance to our Christian life of receibing Jesus Christ in His Sacrament. Come to the Lord's Table.

The Portland District Mission Meeting was held in April and was well attended. Confirmation of seven young people was held April 17, 1921. These were redeived as members of the congregation.

Thanksgiving Services were celebrated this year and a good attendance was noted.

Christmas Services were held as usual. Christmas "JULOTTA" at 6:00 A.M. and also English Services at 10:45 A.M. The S. S. program was held Christmas Second Day at 7:30 P.M. We wish to take this opportumity in thanking the congregation for the Christmas offer and gifts amounting to $81.50.

The Sunday School has done well this year. There has been a slight increase in membership this year. We count 66 S. S. pupils and 9 S. S. teachers. The Sundayschool has presented three programs this year with marked success, at Easter, on November 20 and at Christmas time. The annual Sundayschool picnic was held in August and was injoyed by many.

There are three societies that are willingly and faithfully working for the furtherance of Church and its activities. The monthly meetings have been well attended. The Ladies Aid Society has helped the Congregation very much this year. They have donated to the Church during the year the sum of $500.00. They have also presented the Church with a beautiful altar cloth and pulpit cloth. And apron sale and cooking sale, and annual Fall sale realized the sum of $320.58. A sincere thanks to the Ladies for thier great help.

The Luther League counts about 40 members. Meetings have been held at the homes and in Church regularly. Outings and socials have also been held. The society has also paid for the eradicationof the piano debt and has also paid to t the district league $30.00. We hope this year that the Luther League cand help with the Church expenses.

The Dorcas Society has worked hard and has done very good work. They have donated beautiful silver collection plates to the Church and also $50.00 . A hearty thanks to the Dorcas Society.

We wish all societies a blessed and successful year in the service of God and Church.

Repairs have been done to the porch and basement entrance this spring. This work was badly needed and we are happy to know it is done.

Making a concise report of pastoral activities we present the following: 7 confirmed , 17 communicants received and 5 children a total of 29 members received. During the year 14 children were baptized, only one whose parents be-

longed to the congregation . 10 weddings were solemnized, and 14 funerals have been held. One of the good and active members of this congregation passed to his eternal reward this year namely Oscar Peterson Sr. A distinct loss to the congregation and especially his wife for whom we pray for God's comfort to her in her old age. This year two have received their letters of dismission making a total membership of 130 communicants and 45 children, total 175.

Permit me also to present a few recomendations which I hope will be acted on at this meeting.

That:

The gutters on the Church roof be repaired as soon as possible,

That the financial system be changed so that every confirmed member of this church pledge themselves to pay monthly and that envelopes be supplied every member for that purpose.

That the congregation give $1000.00 to the Pastor's salary for year 1922.

That the Ladies Aid give $400.00 to the church treasury for year 1922.

That the Dorcas & Luther League give $50.00 each to the church treasury.

That we petition the Columbia Conference for $300.00 aid for year 1922.

That greater economy be practiced by al in disposing of the Church's finances and that members who are able be more liberal to their Church.

We look forward to a blessed and successful year as a congregation , praying Gopd to make us faithful concerning both the spiritual and financial.

We are happy to be with you, and to in Jesus name work for a greater an and more spiritual congregation.

God bless us all.

"Be then faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life"

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

E. ARTHUR LARSON PASTOR

ASTORIA, ONEGON, JAN2, 1922.

LUTHER LEAGUE ,TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bank balance----------	$ .50
Dues and Collections	66.51
Social Receipts	34.68
Excursion Receipts	1.25
Engbretsen Loan	$50.00
	$152.94

Checks Issued			
Rev. Brulland --piano accont.	$25.00	Credit	$152.94
" "" " "	50.00	Debit	122.07
Earnest Nystrun --Dist. League	15.00		
" " " "	15.00		
Hazel Jacobson League fees	5.89	Balance	$30.87
Mildred Birch " "	5.89		
Ruth Clotte " "	5.89		
	$122. 07		

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE DORCAS SOCIETY 1921

COLLECTIONS FROM MEETINGS		$ 25.16
PROCEEDS FROM OCT. 3 SALES		50.10
		$75.26
EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1921		
MATERIAL FOR LUNCHEON SET		$2.30
DONATION TO CHURCH		50.00
COLLECTION PLATES		16.69
LOAN		5.00
		$ 73.99
Received	$75.26	
Paid Out	73.99	
Balance	$ 1.27	

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PITCH INN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1921

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1921

Balance on hand Jan. 1921	$ 96.16
S. S. Collections	94.03
Birth Collections to Bethesda Mission	4.05
Collection for War Orphans	8.75
Easter Collection	13 .00
S. S. Picnic Collection (Aug. 21)	9 .00
Sale of soft drinks, coffee etc. Picnic	16 .50
Proceeds from books sold	
Gift from Mrs. Wm. Holmes	
Christmas Collection	
Total Receipts	

S.S. EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1921

Birthday Collection to Bethpage Mission	$ 4.05
For S. S. supplies	221.31
Easter Egg & Supplies	6.45
Collection for War Orphan	8.75
S. S. Picnic expenses	22.00
Expenses for Christmas Candy Nuts, Apples	10.80
Total amount spent	$273 .36

Receipts for year 1921	$280.69
Expenditures " "	273.36
Balance on hand Jan. 2, 192[illegible]	$ 7.33

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY OF THE SWEDISH LUTH-

ERAN CHURCH OF ASTORIA, OREGON:---

WE, YOUR COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE BOOKS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY, HEREWITH RESPECTFULLY REPORT;

THAT WE HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED SAID BOOKS, AND FOUND AS FOLLOWS

RECEIPTS

Received account of Collections	$125.35	
Received account of Donations	6.50	
Received account of Picnic	3.00	
Received account of New Years Wake	1.75	$ 459.38
Received account of Sales	328.78	
By balance from year 1920 Total to be accounted for	66.	215.41
		$ 674.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid account of advertising	$ 6.68	
Paid account of Alter cloth	027.73	
Paid account of Flowers, and wreaths	10.25	$567.66
Paid account of Money advanced to Church Treas.	500.00	
Balance on hand at close of year		$107.13

We find the books neatly kept and congratulate the officers and members of the Ladies Aid for the splendid work done during the year past.

We would recommend that the Secretary at the close of the minutes for each meeting in addition to showing at the votton of the minutes the total receipts, also show total disbursements, this will enable the committee to check up without reading through all of the minutes of each meeting.

Ver Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Marsh

Mrs. Sophia Anderson.

STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1921

CASH RECEIPTS

COLLECTIONS AT LADIES' AID MEETINGS	$ 125.55
DONATIONS	5.00
APRON SALE	77.95
ANNUAL SALE	222.38
MRS. R. SWANSON, MIDNITE SOCIAL	1.50
PICNICS AND SOCIALS	4.75
BAKING SALE	21. 50
	$ 459.38
BALANCE FROM JAN. 1st, 1921	215.41
TOTAL	$674.79

EXPENDITURES

DONATED TOWARD CONGREGATION	$ 500.00
ADVERTISEMENTS	6.68
FLOWERS	10.25
ALTER CLOTH	27.73
LAUNDRY	.75
GROCERIES, CREAM ETC.	22.25
	$ 567.66
MONEY IN TREASURY JAN. 1, 1922	107.13
TOTAL	$674 .79

ASTORIA, OREGON JAN. 2d 1922

TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

GREETING----

We your committee appointed to check and audit the books of the Church Treasurer respectfully report.

That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's book for the year 1921, and find the same correct as per entries therein and checks and vouchers on file.

Balance on hand. $ 89.81.

Respectfully submitted----

Carl O. Moberg

Olof Anderson

Auditing Committee.

PASTORAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1922.

TO THE FIRST LUTHERAN CONGREGATION, ASTORIA, OREGON.

BELOVED MEMBERS---- GRACE AND PEACE IN JESUS NAME.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen ~~your~~ you and ordained y you, that ye should go and bring forth freit, and that your fruit should remain; that wharsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." JOHN 15:16.

Fellow Christians---We have been called and chosen as true members of the Church of God to be Christ's witnesses in the world and to bear fruit for His kingdom in ~~the world and to bear~~ Jesus name. The Church is a divine in institution and to ve a true member of the Church of Christ on earth, we must feel and hear the calls of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen us and ordained us as His followers.

A Church member has duties such as no one else on the world, A Church member must sacrifice his own and fellowmen's selfish desires for the ca cause of Christ in the world. You are sent forth to bear fruit, by Christ Hims self, and therefore in order to be prepared you mustgo forth in Jesus name, you must daily watch, fight and pray. If we consecrate ourselves to the cause of Christ and His Church the promise is from our Lord Himself "Whatsoever you s shall ask of the Father in my name, he shall give it you".

Let us go forward this year in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Who Has chosen us. Letus strive in His name to bring forth fruit, that theymay remain, Let us pray more, work harder, and then greater blessings will be ours in answer to our prayers and as a reward of our labors ~~be ours in~~ both as a churc church, in our homes and as individuals.

This report should cover the various activities of out church and I will try to do it, in these few lines.

Services have been held here regularly every Sundayof the pastyear, excepting the last Sunday of each month, when the pastor has services at Skamokawa, not counting the last three Sundays in June and the first one in July when the pastor and his familu attended the Augustana Synod Convention at St. Paul Minn, and also enjoyed a short vacation with their parents in Montana and Ohio. Three other Sundays no meetings were held, namely April 2nd and Oct. 22d and Sept. 3d, when the pastor attended the annual Columbia Conference Meetings and Columbia Conference Luther League Convention. Services have have been held in these languages. No doubt this is the most satisfactory plan we have, altho this plan would be excellent if more interest were shown in church attendance, especially by our young people, our Sunday School Teachers and Scholars at English Services, I hope our people will feel more and more the neek of spiritual guidance and worship. The attendance the first day of this year was a good beginning. The important gatherings this past year were Easter Sunday April 16th, Confirmation Sundays May 7th and 14th, Christmas Day and Christmas Second Day. Also mission meetings were held April 4th and 5th and were blessed gatherings. The Lord's Supper has been held six times this year, and altho not attended by so many, yet some have come and received this blessed Sacrament. Some this

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cause of your heart and soul, dear Churchmember. [illegible] the Lord's Lord's Table is set.

The following ministerial bets have been performed. 19 [illegible], only one of members., 7 confirmtions, 2 in Swedish, 5 in English, 4 marriages, t two of the parties being members, seven received into membership, 14 fu[illegible], one an old time member of this congregation.

Why do we not grow? We should grow, we have the people here, but is there a heartfelt need of the Church in these people. We gladly invite all to worship with us and become members, and if people have the cause of Christ a and and His Church and their Own Salvation at Heart they will be members despite of Obstacles. But can we expect people to be church members in the true sense of the word when they do not show any interest in church attendance or church activities? Is church membership only praying of duesand attending, o once, twice or three times a year. Emphatically, NO. We want members who love t the church, its work, Christian Missions, who are willing to sacrifice andto serve and to witness. Can we obtain such members? I am sure we can, and I know we can, because God is with us, if we who now are members are not only nominal members, but true Christians, Confessing Christ before the World and living a life to show that we are members of Christ's Church. May this year 1928 see many more members in our church and its various activities. The present membership is --Communicants, 128 , Children 47, a total membership of 175.

The church council has held regular monthly meetings excepting the summer months. These meetings have been harmonious and profiting. The churc treasurer, Mr. Emil Rasmus has done efficient and Conscientious work. Through the trustees the church has been kept in repair- the actual work beingplacing new gutters on church and parsonage, and new drain pipes for the church, also several church windows have been repaired and the back steps and platform of th the parsonage repaired. Mr. Herman Slotte donated much of the labor [illegible] and we owe him thanks.

The Sunday School work is going well. Some sixty children are enrolled and most of them attend regularly. We have eight Sunday School Teacher ers, but we need at least two more. We hope some one will offer himself for this important work. Splendid programs have been given by the Sunday School , one [illegible] Easter and one at Christmas. [illegible] was held especially for the Sunday School in August, but the whole congregation took part. The pastor held a short summer session of school this summer. Twenty-five were enrolled and [illegible] in August.

Our Ladies Aid is doing excellent work. We thank them for this loyal support of the church both financially and morally. They have given for the support of this church during the year some [illegible]. [illegible] meetings are [illegible] attended and a sacrificing and serving spirit is [illegible] most of the members.

[illegible] this year in regular meet- [illegible]

ings. We hope to see a Bible Classs organized to study the word of God. This society donated $50.00 to the church. Very nobly done. The Dorcas Society composed of girls have kept up their work, although sometimes handicapped by some of the members being out of town. They also donated $50.00 to the church. Thank you.

Our church choir has not been functioning many ti es this year. But during the Christmas holidays they have helped us with good singing. Our church choir can do much to build up a congregation. Shall we not be at our post every Sunday? We hope so. Let's try.

Thanks to Mrs. Ole Larsen, nee Mildred Birch, and Mrs. A. E. Engbretsen, we have had splendid work at the organ. We realize the hardships of being and organist and attending at all services both morning and evening, and we thank them very much for their interest and work.

We would recommend first, more active enterest in church attendance a greater personal responsibility on the part of every confirmed member old and young concerning the upbuilding and furtherance of the church, numerically, financially and spiritually. The spiritual upbuilding is first; it is the important part. God grant it. The numerical upbuilding is next. Every one strive to interest others in the church, the kingdom of God. The financial upbuilding is likewise important. If each gives in the measure the Lord has bessed him, and as conscience and love dictate, we will never lack. God grant that we bear much fruit.

Also we recommend that we pray for more interest and activity on the part of our young people and children in all church affairs. The hope of the future of our church is our young people and children. Let us by example and word show them the best place os the church and its organizations. To be faithful each one in his place is true service. This year we have done very well financially. Our budget calls for at least $1600.00 to carry on the year's work and $300.00 to pay old debts. Leat us start with a clear state next annual meeting. No doubt there will be call for repairs also this year, or painting etc., but eveh so we are indeed optimistic.

Our city has veen hard hit. Our congregation and church as a whole has been fortunate. But we sympathize sincerely with those who have lost much of their earthly means of sustenance. But let us not be downhearted. Trials and tribulations only urge us on to higher endeavors and make us wiser and more able to calmly meet the future.

May this year 1925 be a blessed year for us as a church, and let us go forth having great faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ and in His word. "Whatsoever ye [illegible] of the Father in My name, He will give it."

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-UESDAY JAN. 2d, 1923.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. on Jan. 2d, 1923 by Pastor [illegible]. The meeting was opened by song and prayer. The pastor declared that the office of secretary was open. Mr. A. E. Engbretsen was nominated . The nominations were closed. The motion was carried.

The minutes were then called for. Mr. O. Peterson moved that the P Pastor's report be omitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes were read, and accepted.

The Pastor's report was read. Mr. Rasmus suggested that the part pertaining to the work donated by Mr. slotte be changed to Slotte & Co. It was moved that the report be accepted as read after the change had been made.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Auditor's report was read and accepted.

The Sunday School report was read. It was moved that the report be accepted as read. The motion was carried.

The report from the Ladies Aid was read. IT was moved that the report be accepted as read . The motion was carried.

The report from the Luther League was read. It was moved that the report be accepted as read. The motion carried.

The report from the Dorcas Society was read. It was moved that the report be accepted as read. The motion Carried.

The chairman then declared that the office of Deacon for three years was open.

Mr. Finney and Mr. J. Slotte were nominated, but Mr. Slotte declined. Mr. Rasmus moved that the nomination be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Finney.

The office of Trustee was declared vacant. The nominations were as follows-----

Mr. Backlund, former trustee------8votes

Mr. Jacobson, declined

Mr. O. Nelson,----------10votes

It was moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. After the ballots had been counted it was found that Mr. O. Nelson received the majority.

Rev. E. A. Larson was nominated Sunday School Superintendent. A motion was made that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Larson.

The office of Organist was declared open. Mrs. A. E. Engbretsen was nominated. It was moved that the nomination be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

The office of Janitor was declared open. Ottar Ingebrigtsen was nominated. It was moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

The Following were nominated as delegates to the Columbia Conference----

Mr. Moberg----------8 votes

Mrs. A. E. Engbretsen-------5 votes

Mrs. E. A. Larson----------10 votes

It was moved that the nominations be closed. The motion carried.

The delegates to the District Conference were as follows----

Mr. Rasmus----------9 votes

Mr. O. Peterson----------8 votes

It was moved that the nominations be closed. The motion carried.

The question of salaries came up next.

Mr. Backlund moved that the same salary be paid as to the minister as he received last year, and that we petition the conference for $400.00.

The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved that the organist be paid $102.00 a year. The motion was seconded. Mr. Rasmus ammended the motion to the effect that the salary be paid monthly at $8.50 a month. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Rasmus moved that we pay the Janitor $8.50 a month. The motion was seconded and carried.

I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Firney as Deacon.

A. E. Engbretson

Ihereby cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. A. E. Engbretsen for Organist.

A. E. Engbretson

I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Ottar Indegaard as Janitor.

A. E. Engbretson.

The matter of petitioning the different orginizations came up.

Mr. Rasmus read the budget he had proposed for the followingyear and it was followed by a discussion.

Mr. Rasmus moved that we petition the Ladies' Aid for $300.00, to pay the street assessment. The motionwasseconded and carried.

Mr. Rasmus Moved that we petition the Luther League for $75.00 and the Dorcas Society for $50.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Moberg moved that we leave the matter of necessary repairs to the trustees.

Mr. Rasmus moved that the matter of the Mission meetings for this section be left to the Pastor and the Ladies Aid. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved that a standing vote of thanks be given Mr. Backlund for his faithful service. The vote was unanimous.

It was moved that a standing vote of thanks be given to the different organizations and persons for their services. The vote was unanimous.

It [illegible] motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

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A. E. Engbretson

REPORT OF THE DORCAS SOCIETY FOR 1922

CASH ON HAND	$ 9.52
TTOTAL RECEIPTS	60.47
TOTAL	69.99
EXPENDITURES	60.00
BALANCE	$ 9.99

We, the undersigned, having duly enspected the books of the Dorcas Society find them correct.

ALMEN JACOBSON

DAGNY RUDBACK

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE FOR 1922

BALANCE FORWARD	$31.28	$31.28
RECEIPTS		
2/25/22 ENGBRETSEN, A. E.	$ 25.00	
7/15/22 RASMUS, EMIL	25.00	
9/ 1/22 LARSON, E.A.	25.00	
11/4/22 RASMUS, EMIL	25.00	
	$100.00	
DEPOSITS		75.00
FEB. 25,-------- $ 7.15		$ 106 .28
May 27 ,-------- 11.90		100 .00
AUG.26 ,-------- 30.00		$ 6 .28 BALANCE
SEPT.15,-------- 14.65		
Oct. 13,-------- 3.45		
NOV. 11,-------- 6.00		
Nov. 17,-------- 1.85		

$ 75.00 TOTAL DEPOSITS

The Treasurer of the Luther League and I have gone over the various reports and found them O. K.

ARVID JACOBSON

REPORT FOR THE FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1922

RECEIPTS	
BALANCE ON HAND JAN. 2d, 1922	$ 7.35
BIRTHDAY MONEY	5.30
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	[illegible]
EASTER COLLECTION$	15.60
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	[illegible]
CHRISTMAS GIFTFROM MRS. HOLMES	1.00
PIN	[illegible]
FROM MR. ROSNUS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES	[illegible]
[illegible]	$ 145.[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	$ [illegible]

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1922

Birthday collections TO BETEPAGE	$ 5.30
EASTER EXPENSES, EGGS, CARDS ETC.	8.48
ONE DOZEN CARNATIONS	1.25
TO AUGUSTANA BOOK CONCERN	42.74
TO UNITED LUTHERAN PUBLISHING CO.	52.27
AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS FOR BOOKS	4.81
CHRISTMAS CANDY	7.80
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 122.65
CASH ON HAND	2.93
IN ASTORIA NATIONAL	19.70
TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND	$ 22.78

JAN. 2d, 1923 MRS. C. ARTHUR LARSON

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS AUDITED THIS REPORT AND FOUND IT CORRECT.

EMIL RASMUS

LADIES' AID REPORT FOR YEAR 1922

CASH RECEIPTS	$ 118.05
SALES	276.05
DONATIONS	10.00
TOATL INCOME	$ 401.10
BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1921	107.18
TOTAL INCOME	$ 508.28
EXPENDITURES	
GOODS BOUGHT	$ 7.00
FLOWERS	9.50
LAUNDRY TUB FOR PARSONAGE	32.50
DONATIONS TO CONGREGATION	333.22
STREET ASSESSMENT	66.78
ADVERTISEMENTS	5.82
LAUNDRY	1.55
GIFT FOR MRS. ERNST JOHANSON	7.00
DISHES AND SPOONS	12.4
TOTAL PAID OUT	475.86
BALANCE IN BANK DEC. 31, 1922	$ 32.41

WE, THE COMMITTEE, HAVE AUDITED THE BOOKS AND FIND THEM CORRECT, JAN. 24, 1923.

MRS. O. PEDERSON, JR.

MRS. P. E. HOYER.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1922.

CASH RECEIPTS

DUES FROM MEMBERS	$ 871.50	
DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS	10.00	
SOCIALS	71.55	
COLLECTIONS FROM CONGREGATION	201.45	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES	142.52	
DONATIONS FROM LADIES' AID	333.22	
DONATIONS FROM THE DORCAS SOCIETY	50.00	
DONATIONS FROM THE LUTHER LEAGUE	60.00	
BORROWED FROM BANK	200.00	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 1922		$ 1940.24
BALANCE FROM YEAR 1921		89.81
TOTAL		$ 2030.05

EXPENDITURES

SUPPLIES	$ 75.75	
PASTOR'S SALARY 1922	900.00	
PASTOR'S SALARY 1921	66.85	
ORGANIST'S SALARY	66.00	
JANITOR'S 1921-$ 81.00	164.50	
CONFERENCE DUES 1921	230.40	
CONFERENCE DUES 1922	32.95	
LIGHT AND WATER	52.30	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	151.40	
NOTE TO BANK AND INTEREST	206.85	
TOTAL PAID OUT 1922		$1973.80
BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31st, 1922.		$ 56.25

EMIL NASIUS, TREASURER.

ASTORIA, OREGON, JAN. 2D, 1923.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED COMMITTEE HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND FIND THEM FIND THEM TO BE CORRECT.

OSCAR PETERSON

OSCAR NILSON.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR YEAR 1924.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Larson at 8:15 P. M. in the First Lutheran Church of Astoria, Oregon. It was moved and seconded that the Pastor act as chairman. The motion carried. Mr. N.Rasmus was nominated as Secretary . A. E. Engbretsen was also nominated. Mr. Rasmus declined. It was moved that the nominations be closed and the motion carried. A. E. Engbretsen was elected Secy.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

The Pastor's report was read and is herewith attached.

PASTOR'S REPORT OF THE FIRST EV. LUTH CHURCH, ASTORIA, ORECON.

A BLESSED NEW YEAR IN JESUS NAME. Again we are assembled as a congregation for our annual meeting. Let us therefore take this word of God as our watchword and means of spiritual strength for tonight in this year. " As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Col: 2: 6-7.

The Christian Church is built upon Jesus Christ. Its calling is a noble one. Its duties are great. As Christians we are called to follow Jesus, as we have confessed Him as a Church and individuals. Therein lies our strength in the faith. By faith in Christ Jesus are saved. "Sole Fide", is our Slogan as an Ev. Lutheran Church. We are rooted and built up in Christ, The Solid Rock Of Ages, The Eternal Word. We thank God for His Word. The Bible- For the faith in a Triune God. And so as we enter another year we must know; if we are to be successful, efficient and blessed we must stand fast in the faith, not falter, but hold fast to the word of God. Let us by our lives, and words follow Jesus, walk in His footsteps, seek the kingdom of God. Concerning the Spiritual condition of The Congregation it is not for us judge but there is so much to be more and regular Church attendance, the spiritual need is great in every age and so also in ours.

To build a strong congregation, we must be spiritually [illegible], we must derive our strength from God; thru His word and sermons, we clearly see the need of family worship, more earnest prayer and Bible ing, family attendance at services both Swedish and English, Religious ions in the home; faithfully receiving the Lord's Supper; departing ways of the world, the baneful [illegible] of the modern ta dance, the card table, the motion pictures etc. Let us h Christ, walking in Him and we will be blessed with

Let me now present a short review of our w regularily this year. As the Pastor has the pa also to attend to only three Sundays a mont Lutheran Church of Astoria. services

trained to [illegible], and perhaps this explains in a measure the non-attendance of young people. Prayer Meetings were held during Lenten Season, but with only a few in attendance eachtime. Easter, Confirmation and Christmas services were always well attended. The Portland District Mission Meetings were held in May and we believewith blessing. Thanksgiving Services were held together with theNorwegian Lutheran Churches at The Norwegian Lutheran Church on 24th and Grand and there was a good attendance. Let us strive for better attendance of young and old this year.

Sacraments. The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to twenty-threeinfants and one adult. Most of these were performed at home or in the parsonage, but but very few in Church at services which is to be desired. May we hold fast to baptism and not neglect so that we understand its great significance.

The Lord's Supper has been celebrated four times this year. Very few of the members commune which shows a lack of hunger for spirituality. May God raise up a true desire in out hearts for the Lord's supper.

Religious Training of Children. Our Sunday School continues to function very well. About 55 children are enrolled with eight teachers. The Pastor is the Superintendent and in his absence Miss Esther Larson usually fills that place. The attendance has not been as regular as desired altho three or four Sundays before Christmas, attendance is nearly perfect. There are eight classes and a regular graded course of instruction is followed. Progress, Progress is made in several instances but there is a lack of learning manifested in the Catechism. A few teachers' meetings have been held. We hope to hold regular meetings this year. They are needed. There is no cradle roll as yet in S. S. but we hope for one this year and also a Junior Mission Band. No Bible Classes are held altho a few Confirmed are enrolled. We would welcome a Bible Class for The Young People as wellas The Old People. Bible Study is needed.

The Sunday School has held Easter and Christmas Programs which were pleasing and successful. Also The Annual Church and S. S. Picnic was held in July at John Oman's Orchard. No week-day school was held this year. The Pastor intended to hold one but only a few presented themselves and so no school was held. We hope that many may come next summer. Confirmation School is held every year from September to May or June. A class of eight were confirmed in June, and now a class of seven are being instructed. Sunday School and Week-Day School prepare children for Confirmation School. The course of instruction follows the Lutheran Catechism and The Bible History and the instruction is usually given Saturdays for two hours.

Societies: We have various societies which support faithfully in donating funds to the church. Also they act as social gatherings. The Ladies have their Ladies Aid Society consisting of [illegible]. [illegible] sale and their [illegible]. We thank [illegible].

THE YOUNG PEOPLE have two societies, one for both men and women [illegible] for girls only. The former called the Luther League meets every month. They have donated $50 to the church and also have atriven to hold the young people. in the church. The latter called the Dorcas is a sewing society and has done well with its work and in sales. It has also donated $50 to the church. These societies deserve out thanks and our full support.

THE CHURCH CHOIR has also functioned especially at the great church festivals. We hope to continue as a choir thruout the year. It is the hope of the Lutheran Churches in this city that a Lutheran Brotherhook of men be organized. For this purpose mass meetings will be held next Saturdany and Sunday. We hope it will become a reality. Our men should be united as a Lutheran Brotherhood.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL consisting of Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees meet together every month as far as possible. These meetings are harmonious and the decisions arrived at are for the best of the Congregation.

Some minor inprovements were made on the Church property, such as putting on new gutters and a few minor improvements avout the parsonage.

Financially this has been seccessful, as at present, I believe nearly all bills and salaries have been payed and thus we can approach the New year with a clean slate thanks especially to Mr. Rasmus our Energetic Treasurer, whose term expires now but we hope will be re-elected.

One of the outstanding and special activities of the year was the grand concert of Nov. 13th. All were well pleased and the church treasury was enriched by about $100.00.

This year our congregation has suffered the loss of some active noble members, namely Mrs. John Peterson, aged 63, on Jan. 24th; Mrs. Frank Nylander aged48, Mar. 16th; Carl Benson aged 17, July 14th; Mrs. Emil Elven aged36, Sept. 9th Mrs. Selma Larson aged 61, Sept. 30; and Mrs. Kajda Olson aged 87, D Dec. 12th. Our hope;is in The Resurected Lord whose Bride the Church of Christ is and who will redeem all his own. God comfort and help The ~~Blessed~~ Bereaved. God strenghten us in the FAITH.

A total of 22 funerals have been performed, six being members. [illegible] marriages have been solemnized of which only one person was a church member.

Eight adults were received as members accompanied by three children. Eight children were confirmed. Total received of members were born during the past year thus the total being 16 communicants Confirmed and six children.

Three members were dropped.

The number of membefs for 1922 were ---total cummunicants [illegible], children [illegible]. For year 1923, 126 communicants and 44 children. Total 170.

May we in Jesus name go cheerfully and bravely [illegible] to greater success and blessings for the year 1924.

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[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] January [illegible], 1924.

RECEIPTS

[illegible]	$ 97.35
DONATIONS	22.00
APRON SALE	51.00
ICE CREAM SALE	19.50
COOKING SALE	20.75
LADIES' AI SALE	196.75
	$ 407.35
BALANCE FROM YEAR 1923	32.41
	$ 439.76 $439.76

DISBURSEMENTS

FLOWERS	$ 18.00
ADVERTISING	4.68
CHURCH JANITOR	300.00
STREET ASSESSMENT	63.83
ICE CREAM DEC.	8.10
MDSE.	7.10
	$402.01

CASH ON HAND DEC. 31st 1927

ASTORIA, OREGON DEC. 31st 1923.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We, your Committee to whom was refered the Book [illegible] Aid Society of the Church, herewith respectfully report.

That we have examined same from data at hand [illegible]

Total receipts for year	$407.35
Balance from last year.	32.41
	[illegible]
Amount paid out	[illegible]
Balance on hand	[illegible]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MRS. O[illegible]NDERSON

REPORT FROM LADIES AID SOCIETY FOR YEAR 1923

Cash received

DUES & COLLECTIONS	$ 19.57
ANNUAL SALE	63.03
BALANCE FROM YEAR 1922	9.99
TOTAL	92.59

CASH PAID OUT

SEWING MATERIALS	4.91
Wax CANDLES	2.20
CARD	.30
DONATION TO CHURCH	50.00
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	$ 57.41
CASH ON HAND JAN. 2d 1923	$ 35.18

MRS. E. ARTHUR LARSON,

UNDERSIGNED HAS AUDITED THIS REPORT AND FOUND IT CORRECT

EMIL RASMUS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1923.

COLLECTIONS FOR YR. 1923	$ 85.81
EASTER OFFERING	16.25
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	20.25
GIFT FROM MRS. HOMES	1.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	4.50
TOTAL	$ 127.81
BALANCE FROM YEAR 1922	23.18
TOTAL	$ 151.09

EXPENDITURES

BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS TO BETHPAGE M.	[illegible]
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	[illegible]
[illegible] SYNODICAL S. S. TREAS.	[illegible]
EASTER CANDY EGGS	[illegible]
CHRISTMAS CANDY, APPLES NUTS	[illegible]
EXPENSES ON BOOKS	3.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	[illegible]

TOTAL RECEIPTS $151.59

" EXPENDITURES 135.29

BALANCE $ 16.30 DEC. 31, 1923.

MRS. E. ARTHUR LARSON.

LUTHER LEAGUE

BALANCE JAN. 1, 1923 $ 5.37

RECEIPTS

SOCIALS	
DUES & COLLECTIONS	104.32
TOTAL	$109,69

DISBURSEMENTS

TO CHURCH	$5.00
DIST. LUTHER LEAGUE	20.00
INCIDENTALS	[illegible]
TOTAL	[illegible]

BALANCE JAN. 1st, 1924 $ 11.19

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1923

CASH RECEIPTS [illegible]

DUES FROM MEMBERS	
COLLECTIONS	[illegible]
DONATIONS FROM INDIVUALS	[illegible]
FROM LADIES' AID	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	100.00
[illegible]	187.75
[illegible]	1868.10
[illegible]	[illegible]

to Astoria in 1925. The motion was seconded and [illegible].

A motion was made and seconded that we extend a s[illegible] vote of thanks to the Pastor and the different organizations for the waork that has been accomplished during the past year. Carri[illegible]

Mr. Rasmus read the names of all of those who had paid their dues during the past year,

Oscar Peterson moved that we petition the various societies for the same ammounts of money as they had donated the year before. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn, The motion carried.

Signed , [illegible] E. Engbretsen, Sec'y.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Lutheran Church was held at 8:15 P.M. in the church January 2, 1925.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Larson with song, scripture reading, and prayer, after which he called the business meeting to order. Rev. Larson was elected Chairman and Edith Jacobson was elected Secretary.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The following report by Rev. Larson was read and a motion made and carried that the same be adopted as read:

Dear Congregation:

Grace and Peace in Jesus name for year 1925!

Help us, O Lord, behold, we enter
Upon another year today;
In thee our hopes and thoughts now center,
Renew our courage for the way;
New Life, new strength, new happiness
We ask of Thee, oh, hear and bless!
Jesus, be with us and direct us,
Jesus, our plans and hopes inspire,
Jesus, from tempting thoughts protect us;
Jesus, be all our hearts' desire;
Jesus, be in our thoughts all day,
Nor suffer us to fall away.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." Ps. 27:4.

The year of Lord 1925 has come. As we stand on the threshold of the New Year, many thoughts come to us, one of which is "What has the New Year, the year 1925, in store for us as a congregation"?

We can not draw away the veil and look into the future. We can not say what is to happen to us, because it is not revealed unto us. But one knows the future and one knows what is in store for us, namely, The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We say"Thy will be done"and pray Thy will be that Our church and its members and its work be greatly blessed this year.

But although our times are in God's hands, yet we can do much to hinder or to further the work of The Christian Church here and in the world at large. First of all, in order to help to further the work of the congregation, we all as members of this Church and confessing our Saviour must recognize that we have great duties to perform. Are we true Church members? The psalmist describes a true Church member. He is one who SEEKS after TO DO the Lord's work. He enters into the LORD'S TEMPLE and truly DWELLS there, LIVES there all his days. He seeks to behold the beauty of the Lord, and not to partake in all manner of worldliness. He prays for his own salvation, for his Pastor, for his neighbor and for his Church. He works in the Lord's vineyard and serves the Lord with gladness.

Fellow-member, do you desire to see the blessing of the Lord on you and yours and on this congregation. Then repent of your sins and failings and receive the forgiveness of sins in Christ. Then seek the Lord and His Word. Attend services regularly every Sunday. Do not despise the Lord's Word or the Lord's Day by staying away; seek after the spiritual and eternal

things and let not your heart become entangled in all worldliness. Let your greatest delight and happiness be to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship your God, to hear His word, to behold the beauty of the Lord. Also confess Him before your fellow-men, consecrate and give to God and His work yourself, your talents, your time, your money, your whole life. If a member's highest and greatest ambition were to desire and to seek after, namely, to be true and regular Church-goers and consecrated Christians, I know that the year 1925 would be the most blessed year in this church's history. The church would be filled at every divine service. More work would be done for our children, our young people and all our members. Outsiders would also see and come to us to join with us, and harmony would prevail.

Make this your earnest New Year Resolution. Have a desire for the Lord, your Saviour, Jesus Christ, and His Church. Seek and find Him in His word in His Church. Come to the house of the Lord, dwell there, come every service. Behold the beauty of the Lord in your life, in the life of all consecrated Christians. Work for the upbuilding of your church and thus the kingdom of God in the world. And so we all look forward to a blessed year in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are planning great things this year. Our congregation will entertain the Columbia Conference at its Annual meeting early this spring. Also our young people will entertain The Portland District Luther League sometime in August. This means that every member must work; that we must work together and harmoniously that our part in these Conventions may be done in the best manner possible. Work and pray in Jesus name!

Let me now present a short review of our work this year:

1. DIVINE SERVICES. Services have been held regularly this year with the exception of the last Sunday of every month, when the Pastor had services in Skamokawa, Washington, also the third Sunday when the Pastor visits Mist and Birkenfield, when the morning services have been in charge of Mr. John Unis and Mr. R. W. Kullberg. The Pastor has services in the evening. Services also are hold the first Sunday afternoon of every month at Melville. Our services are held in both languages. We must still use both languages. Our attendance continues to be low, except on the few occasions as Christmas Easter and Confirmation Day. Our young people and children are as a rule absent. They are not imbued with the spirit of church going or the love for Church services. And where is the blame? Surely the parents must bear most of the blame. If every family, father and mother, would first by their example of regular attendance show respect for church and its services every Sunday and then urge the young people and take the children along to services, our church attendance problem would be solved. Special Lenten services were held during the Lenten Season, but only a few attended. The Portland

District Mission Meeting was held here in May, when visiting Pastors brought cheering messages. These meetings, especially in the evening, were quite well attended.

2. The means of grace: The word of God is preached regularly and taught consistently in Church, Sunday School and Confirmation Class, but we would urge its use more in the homes. Let there be more of the word of God read and prayers offered in the homes every day and we will have better relations in the home, and better children and men and women for the church.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to some children this past year Our people should realize that Baptism is a means of salvation; that through baptism a Child becomes a child of God, a Christian, and a Church member and not before. So it is very important that children be baptized in their infancy and not to neglect this important God-given Sacrament.

The Lord's Supper has been celebrated five times this year, both in Swedish and English, giving all an opportunity to attend, and to receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and be strengthened to their spiritual life. Too many of our members neglect this Sacrament. This is dangerous and if continued will mean spiritual death. May God give all our members a desire to commune regularly and partake of the Lord's Supper.

3. RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF CHILDREN. Our Lutheran Church seeks to train the children to grow up in the faith into which they were baptized that they may abide in the Christian faith and remain true Christian church members. This religious training has its beginning in the home. The parents should realize the importance of giving their children the right start as a Christian. Therefore, they should take time to teach them the word of God in word and song, to teach them prayers for before and after meals and morning and evening. To read the word for them, explain it, and pray with them and set a good example in a godly life. Then the Church through its Sunday School and Confirmation School can build and instruct more satisfactorily. Our Sunday School is functioning as usual. It has an attendance of 70 pupils and 9 teachers. The Augustana Synod Graded Lesson plan has been put in use and will be used for the first time this year. The children have home work and should be encouraged and given help to prepare their Sunday lessons. Some Sunday School teacher's meetings have been held this year, but not regularly. We need consecrated Christian teachers, who have had spiritual experiences, to teach our children God's word. We express the hope that a Cradle Roll will function this year, and also that a Junior Missionary Band can be organized soon. The Sunday School has held Christmas and Easter programs which were well given and well attended. The annual church and Sunday School picnic was held in August at Young's River Falls but was not so well attended. Confirmation School has been held this year also. A class of eight

were confirmed in June and now a class of thirteen are being instructed. Let us encourage these young people and pray for them that they may abide in God's word and remain as true members of the Church. To this end we urge young and old to attend Bible classes to study God's word. A class will be held for young and old in Sunday School, and The Luther League plans to meet Sunday evenings. We hope many will avail themselves of this opportunity to study the word of God.

4. CHURCH GOVERNMENT; Church Council. The Church Board consists of three Deacons and three Trustees, who act as an executive board for the congregation. Regular meetings have been held every month except two months during the summer. All matters pertaining to the church and congregation are discussed and acted upon at these meetings. We thank our Board for faithful service. At the last meeting of the church board, a motion passed to change the Constitution concerning the time of the annual meeting, to be held the second Tuesday in January instead of January 2nd.

5. IMPROVEMENTS: The Church Board superintended the raising of funds for painting of church and parsonage and let the contract to the Pacific Painting Co. for $510.00. This work was done in July and August and improves the Church property in its outward appearance. Also the west front approach and steps were repaired.

6. SOCIETIES: The Ladies Aid Society.

This faithful and hard working society has had one of its best years and helped along the church's finances by paying the year's street assessment and donating $300.00 to the Church Treasury. It's total income this year was $519.00, which is very good. Beside their monthly meetings, they have helped serve refreshments at various occasions. They have had two baking sales, one apron sale and their annual fall sale.

Dorcas Society: Although only few in numbers this society has done very well. Their income for the year was about $116.00. Of this sum they donated $85.00 to the Church Treasury. We wish them a successful year for 1925.

Luther League: This society meets monthly. It has it's ups and downs, and although at times the attendance has not been so great, yet financially they have done well and sponsored two concerts during the year. Of the amounts raised, they donated $100.00 to the painting fund and $50.00 for the Church Treasury.

Considering everything, the year 1924 has been a successful year for the congregation, especially in financial matters. An extra sum of $510.00 was paid for painting. A sum of $94.50 was paid out to help take away the indebtedness of Augustana College. The sum of $237.30 was paid out by the congregation for Conference and Synod missions, schools, charitable institutions, etc. beside some extra offerings for special purposes.

We are a few dollars in arrears for year 1924, but we hope it will be soon overcome.

Lutheran Brotherhood: As a federated brotherhood of Astoria, we have failed to function successfully. Let us organize and build up a local brotherhood and then when the time is ripe, we can function more successfully with the other Lutheran Brotherhoods of the city.

This year our congregation has suffered the loss of a few members; namely, August Larson, aged 72, died February 1, 1924, and Myrtle Osterberg, of the Confirmation Class of 1923, age 18, died May, 1924, Anna Margaret Peterson, aged 74, died February 17, 1924, and Arvid A. Carlson, aged 66, died September 14, 1924. We miss them and mourn their loss. God strengthen us and make us ready.

A total of 18 funerals have been performed, 4 being members.

Eight marriges have been solemnized, 3 persons being members, and ten children have been baptized.

Four adults were received as members, 2 men and 2 women, accompanied by two children. Eight were confirmed, 6 boys and 2 girls. Total received 12 adults and 2 children. 12 adults - 6 men and 6 women and 2 children were dropped. Four members have passed away during the year, 2 men and 2 women. Total number communicant members, 122 adults: 54 men - 68 women, and 38 children. Total membership 160.

On behalf of myself and family, I wish to thank all members and friends who have so kindly and generously encouraged and helped us in our work during the year, 1924.

May we in Jesus name go bravely onward to greater blessings for the year 1925.

Yours servant in Christ!

E. Arthur Larson

Astoria, Oregon

January 2, 1925.

The following report by Mr. Emil Rasmus, the Church Treasurer, was read,and a motion made and carried that same be accepted as read:

CASH RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Dues from Members	$872.75	Pastor's Salary	$900.00
Sunday Collections	312.54	Janitor "	110.50
Painting Fund	498.00	Organist "	110.50
College Fund	95.75	Supplies	45.77
Donations	13.00	Water & Light	54.55
Dorcas Society	85.00	Wood	16.25
Luther League	50.00	Painting Church & Parsonage	505.00
Ladies Aid	300.00	Repair to church	66.23
Borrowed money	100.00	Augustana College @ 25¢ ea.	94.50
Total	$2327.04	Conference dues	237.30
Bal. Brot For'd.1924	116.74	Pension Fund	14.94
Total	$2443.78	Xmas Collection	70.10
Less Expenses	2395.67	Collections paid out	70.03
Bal. in Treasury Jan. 1, 1925	$ 48.11	Note to C. O.Moberg	100.00
			$2395.67

(Signed) Emil Rasmus,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the treasurer of the First Ev. Luth. Church and have found them correct.

(Signed) John Slotte
Wilhelm Johanson

The following report by Mrs. Laura Elfving, Treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society, was read, and a motion made and carried that same be accepted as read:

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Collection at L.A. Meetings	$ 98.65	Flowers	$ 12.00
Ladies Aid Sale	282.30	Church Treasury	332.95
Cooking Sale	68.25	Advertizing	1.44
Apron Sale	55.85	Ice Cream,milk,etc.	12.05
Church Dinner	12.08	Merchandise	18.80
Donation	2.00	Street Assessment	60.88
	519.13		$438.12
Bal. Brot. For'd. from 1923	37.75		
	$556.88		
Total Expenses	438.12		
Balance on hand	$118.76		

(Signed) Laura Elfving,Treas.

The following report by Mrs. Ebba Larson, Treasurer of the Dorcas Society, was read, and a motion made and carried that same be accepted as read:

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Dues & Collections	$ 28.01	Donation to Church	$ 85.00
Spring Sale	46.06	Merchandise	4.05
Annual Fall Sale	42.43	Flowers	5.75
	116.50	Piano Tuning	3.00
Bal.Brot. For'd. from 1923	35.18	Advertisement	1.20
Total	$151.68	Gist to Anna Olson	1.94
Less Expenses	100.94	Total	$100.94
Cash in Bank Jan.2,1925	$ 50.74		
Outstanding from Fall Sale	$ 4.50		

(Signed) Mrs. Ebba Larson,
Treas.

We have audited the books and have found them correct.
(Signed) Agnes Anderson
Helga Westman

The following report by Runar Rasmus, Treasurer of the Luther League, was read.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Total Receipts	$208.76	Total Expenditures	$209.28
Bal. Brot.Ford'd	11.19		
	$219.95		
Less Expenses	209.28		
Bal. on hand	$ 10.67		

(Signed) Runar Rasmus, Treas.

The following report by Edith Jacobson, Treasurer of the Sunday School, was read, and a motion made and carried that same be accepted as read:

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Bal. Brot. Ford. 1923	$ 16.30	Total Expenditures	$169.97
Birthday Collection	4.00		
Easter Offering	15.33		
S. S. Picnic	19.70		
Gift from Mrs. Holmes	1.50		
Xmas Program collection	27.25		
From Order of Runeberg	1.35		
S. S. Collections	93.74		
	$179.17		
Less Expenses	169.97		
Bal. on hand	9.20		

(Signed) Edith Jacobson,Treas.

Undersigned has audited the books of the First Luth. Sunday School and found them correct.

(Signed) Emil Rasmus

The following were nominated for Deacon to take the place of A. E. Engebretson, whose term expires:

A. E. Engebretson - 9 votes

Wilhelm Johanson - 11 votes

Mr. Wilhelm Johanson was declared elected as Deacon.

Mr. Herman Slotte was nominated to be re-elected as Trustee. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Congregation for Mr. Slotte as Trustee.

I hereby cast the unanimous vote of the Congregation for Mr. Herman Slotte as Trustee.

Edith Jacobson, Sect'y.

The following were nominated for Sunday School Superintendent:

Rev. Larson - 7 votes

Edith Jacobson - 9 notes

Esther Larson - 4 votes

Miss Edith Jacobson was declared elected Sunday School Superintendent.

Miss Esther Larson was nominated for Asst. Sunday School Superintendent. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the vote of the Congregation for Miss Esther Larson as Asst. Sunday School Supt.

I hereby cast the unanimous vote of the Congregation for Miss Esther Larson as Asst. Sunday School Superintendent.

Edith Jacobson, Sect'y.

Mrs. A. E. Engebretson was nominated for Organist. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the vote of the Congregation for Mrs. A. E. Engebretson for Organist.

I hereby cast the unanimous vote of the congregation for Mrs. A. E. Engebretson for Organist.

Edith Jacobson Sect'y.

Mr. Runar Rasmus was nominated for Janitor. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the vote of the Congregation for Mr. Runar Rasmus for Janitor.

I hereby cast the unanimous vote of the congregation for Mr. Runar Rasmus for Janitor.

Edith Jacobson, Sect'y.

Mr. Axel Finney was nominated as Delegate to the Columbia Conference. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the vote of the congregation for Mr. Axel Finney as Delegate to the Columbia Conference.

I hereby cast the vote of the congregation for Mr. Axel Finney as Delegate to the Columbia Conference.

Edith Jacobson, Sect'y.

The following were nominated for Alternate Delegate to the Columbia Conference:

Mrs. C. O. Moberg - 13 votes

Wilhelm Johanson - 7 votes

Mrs. C. O. Moberg was declared elected as Alternate Delegate to the Columbia Conference.

The following were nominated as Delegate to the District Meeting in Portland:

Emil Rasmus - 18 votes

John Slotte - 2 votes

Mr. Emil Rasmus was declared elected as Delegate to the District Meeting.

The following were nominated as Alternate Delegate to the District Meeting in Portland:

Mrs. E. A. Larson - Declined

Mr. Oscar Nelson - Declined

Mr. John Slotte - elected

A motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the vote of the congregation for Mr. John Slotte as Alternate Delegate to the District Meeting in Portland.

I hereby cast the vote of the congregation for Mr. John Slotte as Alternate Delegate to the District Meeting in Portland.

Edith Jacobson Sect'y.

A motion was made and carried that the congregation petition the Conference Board for $300.00.

A tentative budget for 1925 was read by Mr. Emil Rasmus.

A motion was made and carried that the Congregation pay the Pastor $1000 a year.

A motion was made and carried that the Congregation pay the same salaries to the Organist and Janitor as they did last year.

The following Resolution was read, and a motion made and carried that same be adopted as read:

To The Congregation of The First Lutheran Church
Astoria, Oregon

We, the members of the Church Board of Trustees and Council of Deacons in regular meeting assembled December 15, 1924, passed the following Resolution to be presented to the members of the First Ev. Luth. Church in annual meeting assembled January 2, 1925, for their approval and passage: "Resolved, That The Church Trustees and Deacons recommend to The First Lutheran Congregation in annual meeting assembled January 2, 1925, that the Constitution of The First Ev. Lutheran Church be amended in Article 7,

Paragraph 2, which reads, "En årlig sockenstämma skall hållas den 2ndre Januari. Skulle den infalla på Söndag hålles stämman följande dag" to read "En årlig sockenstämma skall hållas den 2ndre tisdagen i Januari."

On behalf of the Church Trustees and Deacons,

(Signed) E. Arthur Larson,
Chairman

A motion was made that Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution be amended to read that there be 5 Deacons instead of 3 as formerly. Said motion was amended to the effect that there be 6 Deacons instead of 5. The amendment carried.

A motion was made that Article 4, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution be amended to read that there be 5 Trustees instead of 3 as formerly. Said motion was amended to the effect that there be 6 Trustees instead of 5. The amendment carried.

A motion was made and carried that the Columbia Conference Meeting be held from April 22 to April 26, inclusive, here.

A motion was made and carried that a special meeting be held March 23 to decide about Conference matters.

A motion was made that the Congregation petition the following societies as follows:

Ladies Aid Society - $300 and street assessment
Luther League - $75.00
Dorcas Society - $50.00

A motion was made and carried that Rev. Larson be authorized to hire a competent person to look over the pipe organ and have it repaired immediately.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the various persons and organizations and officers who have helped this year in church work.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed,

Edith Jacobson, Sect'y.

On February 8th, 1925, a meeting was held in the church. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Larson and the minutes of the annual meeting were read.

Attention was called to the fact that the amount of salary to be paid the Pastor by the congregation should have been $1100.00 instead of $1,000.00 as originally written in the minutes. A motion was made and carried that the minutes be corrected to show that the salary of the Pastor to be paid by the congregation be $1100.00.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed,
Edith [illegible]
Secretary.

YEARLY MEETING -- Jan. 12, 1926.

The yearly meeting was opened with Scripture reading, Psalm 204 and prayer by Rev. C. A. Larson.

Secretary protem--Mrs. C. A. Larson.

Mr. Albert Engbretson was elected secretary for this year.

Pastor's Report. A motion was made and seconded that the Pastor's report be accepted and placed on record.

Reports: Treasure report by Mr. Emil Rasmus:

Cash Receipts		Expenditures	
Dues from members	$928.50	Rev. C. A. Larson, Salary	$1087.00
Collections	454.77	Organist salary	56.00
Dorcas Society	75.00	Janitors "	93.50
Ladies Aid	300.00	Light	34.60
Luther League	50.00	Water	30.00
Wels Johnson	2.25	Conference dues	250.0
Pete Holmstrom	5.00	Garage & Church Repair	215.8
John Anderson	10.00	Wood	33.00
Money Borrowed	350.00	Supplies	15.55
At Conference meeting	418.08	Exp. Conf. meeting	279.45
Strawberry Social	17.85	" Turkey dinner	54.85
Turkey Dinner	163.50	Aug. Pension Fund	7.56
National Luth. Council	15.50	Collection paid out Aug.Olson	20.85
	$2770.45	Easter Collection, C. S.	17.00
Balance brought forward	48.11	Col. Conf. Home Mission	31.45
Cash Total	$2818.56	Woman's Home	45.75
		Students' Aid Fund	.30
		Jewish Mission	3.40
		Deaconess Home	3.
		Swedish L. C. Senate	.
		Nat. Luth Council	.
		Christmas Col. C. A. Larson	.
		Eight Dif. Institutions	.
		Insurance	.
		Notes, 1st. Nat. Bank	.
		Carl Moberg	.
		Interest	.
Total Receipts	$2818.56	Total Expenses	.
		Balance on hand and in	.
	$2818.56		

Treasure Auditors Report:

To the Council of the First Lutheran Church,
Astoria, Ore.

We, your appointed auditors, have carefully check the receip- penditures of your treasurer Mr. Emil Rasmus and find the same c We wish to compliment Mr. Rasmus in the accurate and efficien of keeping his accounts.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) John Slotte

A motion was made and seconded that the reports be accepted.

The report of the Ladies Aid Society:

Receipts

Collection at meetings	.
Annual Sale	.
Cooking "	.
Apron "	.
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	.

We, the undersigned, have gone over the books and found them in good [illegible].

(SIGNED) Mrs. Chas. [illegible]
" Emil Rasmus
Auditing Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Larson and seconded that it be accepted.

Report of the Luther League was filed by Mrs. Jacobson. It was moved that it be accepted. Carried

Receipts		Disbursements	
Bal. Brought forward	$10.67	Ernest Nystrom, Dist. Treas.	[illegible]
Dues for 1925	32.00	Flowers, 1925	[illegible]
Collection for 1925	27.37	Rev. Larson, Piano Tuning	[illegible]
Receipts from Concert	16.25	Convention expenses	[illegible]
Receipts from Supper	51.71	Error in books	[illegible]
United League Party	.50	Supper expenses	[illegible]
		L. Rasmus, Church Treas.	[illegible]
		Lighting fixtures	[illegible]
	$138.50		[illegible]
		Balance in Bank	[illegible]

We the undersigned have audited the books of the Luther League and have found them correct.

(SIGNED) Cora Nelson,
Emil Rasmus

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The report of the Dorcas Society was read. Mr. Clotti moved it be accepted. Carried.

Report for the Dorcas Society for year 1925.

Cash received		Cash paid out	
Dues & Collections	$26.26	Donation to Church	[illegible]
Spring Sale	25.10	A. Guenther, organ tuning	[illegible]
Annual Fall Sale	49.40	Astoria Florist	[illegible]
Bal. from year 1924	50.74	Merchandise for sale	[illegible]
Outstanding from Fall Sale	4.00	Donation to Church	[illegible]
Total receipts	[illegible]	Total expenses	[illegible]
		Cash in bank Jan.1926	[illegible]
	$155.50		[illegible]

We the undersigned have audited the books and find they do The sum of $1.09 more has been deposited than the books show.

(SIGNED) Laura And[illegible]
Mrs. J.

Jan. 11, 1926

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The report of the Sunday School was filed. Mr. [illegible] accepted. Carried. Report of the First Lutheran S[illegible]

Cash Receipts

Balance	[illegible]
Collections	[illegible]
Birthd Collections	[illegible]
Easter Offering	[illegible]
Gift from Mrs. Holmes	[illegible]
Christmas Offering	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]

We the undersigned have audited the books of the First Lutheran Sunday School and have found them correct.

(SIGNED) Cora Nelson
Emil Rasmus

Jan. 11, 1926.

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Election of officers: The Church Council recommended that the following be nominated: Axel Finney, John Slotti, Oscar Nelson, A. L. Moyer, J. A. Larson, Wm. Jacobson, Abraham Elfving, Herman Benson, Oscar Peterson, Fred Nordstrom, and A. E. Engbretson.

Upon vote the following were elected for Deacons: John Slotti, A. E. Engbretson, 3 yrs., Mr. A. Finney, 2 yrs. A. Elving, 1 yr.

As there was a tie Mr. Elving moved that Mr. Finney have the 2 yr. Motion seconded and carried.

Trustees: It was moved and seconded that the term of office be given preference according to the first vote. According to vote the following were elected: J. A. Larson, 3 yrs., F. Nordstrom, 3 yrs., O. Nelson 2 yrs. and Wm. Jacobson, 1 yr.

Rev. Larson was elected Sunday school superintendent.

Miss Esther Larson was nominated as assistant superintendent. Motion closed. Miss Larson elected.

as organists. It was moved and seconded that these be appointed organists. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mr. Slotti that Anton Peterson be appointed janitor. Mr. Slotti withdrew his nomination and moved that we elect a janitor for year. Motion carried on standing vote.

Mr. Rasmus moved that we nominate Anton Peterson. Moved nomi be closed. Carried.

A. Slotti, Mrs. Lidberg, Mrs. Moberg, A. Finney, Chas. Larson, Mrs. Rasmus, Eng. Peterson. Moved nomination be closed.

As the vote was a tie between Mrs. Moberg and Mr. Ras was taken. Mr. Rasmus 13 -- Mr. Moberg 10.

Nominated for Portland District Conference: Larson, Mr. Elfving, Mrs. Engbretson, Mr. Slot

Moved nomination be closed. Carried.

Tie between Mrs. Moberg & Mrs.

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Pastor's Salary	$1100.00
Organist's Salary	100.00
Janitor's "	100.00
Supplies	50.00
Water, Light & Fuel	100.00
Repairs, etc.	300.00
Special Collections for Synod & Conf.	60.00
Conference and Synod Dues	250.00
Overhauling Church Organ	540.00
Total	$2600.00

Sources of Income

Sunday collections	$300.00
Ladies Aid Society	300.00
Luther League	75.00
Dorcas Society	75.00
Socials, Dinners & Concerts	300.00
Members Dues Direct to Church	1550.00
Total	$2600.00

It was moved that we accept the Budget as read. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that we ask for $300 from the mission board. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that the matter of an all Lutheran Church Catalogue be referred to the Church Council.

Concert. Moved that the matter of date of concert be left in Rev. Larson's hands. Carried.

Moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to all those who have [illegible] of their time and labor for the past year.

Mr. Rasmus read a list of those who paid dues for the past year.

Adjourned.

Approved Jan. 12, 1927.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST

LUTHERAN CHURCH, LEGALLY CALLED

Wednesday eve, 8 P.M.,

Sept. 29, 1926.

Pastor Larson opened meeting by reading Psalm 84. Roy Engbretson elected sec.-protem.

Rev. Larson gave a short discussion as to the purpose of meeting.

Rev. Larson read the resolution drawn up by Mr. H. Slotte and Mr. Hicks.

Mr. O. Anderson brought up the point as to whether the resolution could be devided into separate points for easier discussion.

Mr. O. Anderson moved that the resolution as presented be adopted for discussion. Seconded by Mr. Rasmus.

Mr. Finney in favor but declares one point left out in resolution--that it belong to the Augustana Synod.

Rev. Larson stated that the meeting of the representatives from the churches that they were in favor of the Augustana Synod.

Mr. Herman Slotte in favor of resolution must consolidate in order to progress. Thought no trouble would occur on the point of the Synod.

Mr. O. Anderson brought up the point as to whether we consolidate or not and after that decide other questions.

Mr. P. Elving in favor of uniting with the English language and join the Aug. Synod.

Mrs. Shustain in favor of union but not in favor of English language entirely.

Mrs. Jacobson in favor of union.

Mr. Anderson moves that we adopt the part of the resolution be adopted.--That the members of this congregation and church fully endorse and heartily approve in principle the consolidation of the said two church organizations. Seconded.

Mr. Moberg not in favor of rushing this through. Not in favor of loosing Swedish language.

Mrs. Mathson does not favor giving up the Swedish language.

24 in favor of the resolution as presented by Mr. O. Anderson.

Mr. Backlund moved that we adopt with the understanding and provision that the English language shall be used and be the official language of the [illegible] congregation. Seconded. Move to amend by Mr. O. Anderson.

That while it is the concencus of opinion that the [illegible]

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That the members of this congregation [illegible] in principle the consolidation [illegible]

Motion II.

"With the understanding and provision that the English language shall be used and be the official language of said joint church congregation."

Amendment I:

That while it is the concences of opinion that the English language be the official language, but that the Swedish language also be used so as to preserve and carry on the work of the church to its fullest extent. Seconded. Passed.

Mr. Rasmus makes a motion: "That a joint meeting be held at the 1st Lutheran Church at 8 o'clock, Friday evening, Oct. 1. Seconded. Passed.

Mr. Anderson makes a motion: "That the so passed resolutions be properly forwarded to the proper persons of the Memorial Church as soon as is possible by the secretary.

Motion for adjournment. Seconded. Passed--10:15.

Motion III.:

"That a joint meeting be held at the First Lutheran Church at 8 o'clock, Friday evening, Oct. 1, 1926. Seconded. Passed.

(SIGNED)

A. E. Engbretson,

Sec. Pro-tem.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MEMORIAL
ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

As secretary pro-tem I was instructed to forward to you the following motions, which were passed, at the meeting held at First Lutheran Church by that congregation, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29, 1926, on the consolidation of the two churches; namely, The Memorial English Lutheran Church and The First Lutheran Church of Astoria.

(SIGNED)

A. E. Engbretson,

Sec. pro-tem.

MEETING OF THE JOINT CONGREGATIONS OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND THE MEMORIAL ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF ASTORIA

Oct. 1, 1926.

The meeting was opened by a scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Trojan.

Rev. Larson called the meeting to order and called for a chairman of the evening. Mr. Wick's name was proposed but was declined. Rev. Larson was nominated by Mr. Wicks and seconded. Motion put by Rev. Trojan and carried. Nominations for Secretary were called for. A. E. Engbretson was nominated. Mr. Schultz was nominated but declined. Nomination closed and carried.

The resolution passed by First Lutheran Church was read. Rev. Trojan speaking on behalf of his congregation stated that they were in favor of the resolution except that the word "Swedish" be stricken out and that "any language", be substituted for Swedish.

It was moved by Rev. Trojan and seconded by Mr. Westersund that the following, "The understanding that the English language shall be the official language of the said joint church congregation but that any language also be used provided that it does not conflict with regular hours of worship."

Discussion.--Mr. Wicks: The first consideration is for the future of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Westersund.--Only should have one language as the official language.

Mr. Backlund.--Prefers to hear a service in Swedish.

Mr. Schults.--Likes to hear a German service but looks to the future of the church.

Mrs. West.--Would like to see Swedish but that if it is good for the church she is in favor of it.

Mrs. Norberg.--Because of the language question she is sure that it would be easier to get children to attend.

Mrs. Larson.--Of the opinion that question of language is not the most important question in keeping our young people in church.

Mr. Finney.--Stated that question of language is important and should be stressed.

Mr. [illegible]

Moved by Mr. Finney that we vote by ballots. Seconded and carried. Ballot Christians and Slotte. Yes, 41. No, 3.

Moved by Rev. Trojan and seconded by Mr. Rasmus: That, we the members of this joint meeting fully endorse and heartily approve the consolidation of the two church congregations, viz. First Lutheran Church and Memorial Lutheran Church. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Trojan that we discuss the matter of Synod. Seconded by Slotti.

Discussion. Motion withdrew.

Motion made by A. E. Engbretson that a committee be appointed. It Second. Moved by Rev. Trojan that the same committee serve as previously. Carried.

Moved that we have a joint [illegible] Seconded and carried.

Invitation by Rev. Trojan to meet at [illegible]

accept the invitation and carried.

Moved we adjourn and carried.

Doxology and Blessing.

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JOINT MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONS OF MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND THE
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
Astoria, Ore.
Oct. 15, 1926.

Rev. Larson opened the meeting by scripture reading and Prayer.

He called the meeting to order and called for a chairman of the evening. Rev. Trojan was nominated by Mr. Rasmus. Rev. Larson was nominated by Rev. Trojan. Nomination closed. A. E. Engbretson acted as Temp. Chairman. Vote by ballot. Mr. J. Slotti and Mr. Christians, Tellers. Larson 14. Trojan 29.

Moved by Arvid Jacobsen and seconded by Mr. Christians that the matter of Synod be taken up first. Carried, unanimously.

Mr. Olof Anderson moved that the future church become a member of the Augustana Synod. Seconded by Arvid Jacobsen.

Discussion was called for but there was none. Vote called for. Carried unanimously. No negative vote.

The matter of name was next brought up. The committee reported on suitable names as follows:

Central Lutheran Church			2
Unity	"	"	14
Trinity	"	"	23
First	"	"	6-
Zion	"	"	1

Tellers, Christians and Slotti.

Discussion. Mr. O. Anderson favored the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rasmus would like to see First Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rasmus moved that we vote by standing on the two highest names.

For Trinity--All standing but one.

For Unity--None.

Carried unanimously for Trinity. Moved by Backlund and seconded by Slotti that we have a board of Trustees of six members, three from each church.

Mr. Olof Anderson moved to amend the motion that the board be temporary. Seconded. Carried as amended.

Remarks by Rev. Larson. Inquiry whether the trustee be permanent or temporary until the church is established.

Mr. O. Anderson [illegible] the opinion that the trustees must be elected from this meeting [illegible] church.

Rev. Larson believes that this board of trustees should be temporary.

Mr. Christians [illegible] that would happen to the property of the

Memorial Lutheran Church in the transfer.

Mr. Wicks:--It must be understood that this board would have no property power until it is transfered from the individual church.

Nominations for new church:

First Lutheran Church			Memorial Lutheran Church		
H. Slotti,	Nominated by	Rasmus	Matt Nyland,		Declined
Rasmus	Declined		E. Wicks	Nom. by	Westersund
O. Anderson	Nom. by	H. Slotti. Elected	E. Christians	"	"
Angbretsen	"	" " "	E. Westersund	"	Mrs. Herman

Moved the nomination be closed. Rasmus moved

Moved by Wicks, moved that nomination from Memorial Church be closed. Carried.

Mr. O. Anderson would like to know what, in a general way, the powers of the new body are.

Mr. Rasmus thought that the six should have same powers.

Moved and seconded that we cast a ballot for the six members. Carried.

Mr. Nentjar:--Would like to know who owns the property of the Memorial Lutheran Church, the church or the Synod.

Discussion on property rights by various members.

Moved we adjourn. Seconded.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wicks arose to state that at least 4 votes for United Lutheran Church

Dear Members of The First Lutheran Congregation, Astoria, Oregon

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father thru Jesus Christ our Lord in The Holy Spirit!

"He leadeth me! O blessed thot! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

"Therefore my dear brethern, be firm, unmovable, busily occupied at all times in the Lord's work, knowing that your toil is not fruitless in the Lord" 1Cor.15:58.

These words wirtten by the Apostle Paul to the members of the Church in Corinth, were written by him to encourage them in their efforts, to strengthen them in their Christian faith, and to uphold them in the assurance that the work of the Lord is not in vain.

I have taken these words, as words appropriate to us, members of this congregation, who have again finished a year of grace and are now beginning another.

There are many things seeking to take away our interest as workers in Christ's kingdom. Satan and the evil world are constantly at work trying to make us dissatisfied, telling us it's no use. Indifference to spiritual things is very prevalent; and the courage of conviction of faith is sorely lacking in these days. We know that every Christian has a race to run, heights to ascend, burdens to bear and victories to achieve. And for this every Christian needs strength and a large degree of spiritual power. In an unsympathizing and hostile world, such as we have to deal with, religion cannot be made a mere by-play or recreation. Humanity is so weak; there is in it so much indisposition to spiritual activity; carnal preferences are so strong; and we are so prone to be turned aside by temptations and discouragements, that a good store of active energy is required to bring us thru in safety.

Spiritual power is the great want of the Church. It is not by might or power of an earthly sort, but by that Holy Spirit, given of God, that we are able to work, and be sure of fruit. In Is. we read "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and faint not". Is. 40:31.

Thus we see that we are to renew our strength and enter into the full power and blessedness of our religion by "waiting on the Lord". Those who thus wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength - mount up with wings as eagles - run, not be weary - walk, and faint not. The highest and the constant aim of our lives is to wait upon the Lord. Be firm in the faith, unmovable in Christ, occupied with the Lord's work, in His house, in His ordinances, in our duties as Christians. Thus we shall be strengthened and shall know that our work is not in vain, our toil is not fruitless, but fruitful.

The call has come to us all to take part in the work of the Lord. Each and every one, both young and old, has a sacred duty to perform as a member of Christ and His Church. Let us take hold with renewed vigor. To be firm, unmovable and busy we must ask God to create a spiritual longing in us and an appreciation for His work. As the Apostle says, "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27. Therefore we should love our Church, be faithful to her confessions, diligently attend her services, and willingly work, suffer, and sacrifice for her support and development. That is our challenge this year. We cannot afford to give up. Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not. Let us all attend more faithfully Church services, parents, and bring the children. Let us hold fast the faith keeping up family devotions. Let us keep down immorality and crime by filling the churches every Sunday, and the respect of the law of God brings respect of the law of the country. Let us study the Bible and pray more diligently and attend faithfully The Lord's Supper. We need a broader vision of the greatness of our work. It is the Lord's work. He will bless it. He will help us. He will prosper us. He will reward us.

May God grant us a Blessed Year 1927.

The year 1926 has passed similarly as in 1925. Altho we did not have any large conventions, we have striven to keep the work a-going and not stood still. And tho perhaps we cannot see so much fruit of our efforts, yet we know that our toil has not been fruitless.

1. Divine services have been held quite regularly except one month which the pastor and family spent in Montana. Both languages are used, and altho perhaps not altogether satisfactory, yet the blame no doubt lies not on what language is used, but on the indifference of Church attendance, on part of both young and old. On special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, Confirmation, and others, a good attendance is noted. But the average attendance is not more than about twenty. There is room for great improvement. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. Special Lenten and Good Friday Services were also held. Several meetings were held together with other Lutheran bodies such as Thanksgiving, Reformation and other services, and were well attended.
2. The means of grace are the Word of God and The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Word of God is officially preached and taught in Church, Sunday School and Confirmation Class. We urge its daily use and also that the Bible be read more, and family devotions revived. The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to quite a few children, mostly of parents outside of Church membership. It is dangerous to neglect baptism, but it is also dangerous to have a child baptized and then not taught or helped to live up to the baptismal covenant. Here is a mission to hold onto our baptized children as future members of the Christian Church. The Lord's Supper has been celebrated five times during the year, and the average of communicants fifteen. [illegible] that our people would realize the great privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper and The great Blessing derived therefrom.
3. Religious training of children. The home and the Church [illegible] the child for

the Kingdom of God. If the home fails to influence the child for a righteous life, the task is doubly hard for the Church, and many times ends in failure. There should always be co-operation of parents and Church. The home altar, family devotions, Bible reading instruction and prayer should not be forgotten in the home. The church works thru divine services, Sunday School, Confirmation School and Bible Classes. We have been unable to hold Bible Classes, but we hope we can take up this important work this year.

The Sunday School numbering fifty-one children and ten teachers is trying to do active and useful work. The graded system is a great help and an excellent method of instruction. The Sunday School held two successful programs, which were well attended; namely, Easter and Christmas. The annual Church and Sunday School outing held in August at Astor Experiment Station grove was well attended. Confirmation School is held now with ten enrolled. Last June a class of four were confirmed. We hope they will become active members of the Church.

5. Church Government. The Church board with a membership of twelve, six deacons and six trustees, meets together regularly every month. The meetings this year have been well attended and harmonious. Extra meetings have also been held to discuss the merger of the Memorial and First Lutheran Churches. We thank the Board for faithful work and especially our Church Treasurer, Emil Rasmus. Improvements: The greatest improvement was the tuning and repairing of the Organ. The first man we had was not satisfactory and after having received $285.00 left the work unfinished. The church roof was gone over and holes patched, and a new bulkhead was placed behind the parsonage.

6. Societies: (A) The Ladies Aid Society. The ladies have done exceedingly well this year, and have helped the Church financially with $300.00. They number about forty members and work hard for the Church and its well being. They meet once a month. According to the treasurer's report more than $550.00 was gathered this year, and they have a balance over $100.00 to start the new year. Several cooking sales have been held, also a Church dinner sponsored by The Ladies Aid and the annual sale in November when $271.15 was taken in. Besides paying $350.00 to the Church treasury, the Society paid a street assessment of $55.00 and bought new dishes amounting to $41.20. (We wish them greater success this year). Last month the Society had printed a directory and household cook book, and they hope to be able to sell this book this year and thus obtain funds. Let us all help them.

(B) Womens Missionary Society. Membership, twenty-five. This organization, existing just a little more than one year has worked zealously for missions, home and foreign. All their funds go to help carry on the work of charity and missions at home and abroad. Meetings are held six times a year. Close to $100.00 has been gathered at regular meetings and special missionary meetings held in March and December. Also they invited the Portland District Missionary Society to hold a Fall festival at the time of the regular District meeting in September. This meeting was held and altho only a few delegates came was a profitable meeting.

At this time may I say that we should organize our Sunday School children into a Junior Missionary Band. We hope that missions of all kinds will become clearer to us and that we all take an interest in it. A Missionary Church is a spiritually alive Church. Our vision must be broader than only to see local requirements.

(C) Dorcas Society. Altho only a few members - fifteen - this Society has done exceptionally well. They have donated $150.00 to the Church, which is indeed well done. Meetings are held monthly. An annual sale was held this year and was very successful. We wish to encourage them in their work.

(D) Luther League. Membership about forty, meets once a month. Their income this year amounted to about $175.00. They have not given as much as pledged, but have had installed and payed for light fixtures at a cost of $56.00. Also payed dues to Portland District Luther League of $1.00. We hope this year a Bible study class will be organized and kept up and that more of our young people will become vitally interested in Church work and services regularly.

We have not as yet a Local Lutheran Brotherhood. Our men have been affiliated with a Lutheran Brotherhood of the City, but it has not functioned. We recommend that the men organize themselves this year into a brotherhood.

During the year the congregation celebrated the forty-sixth anniversary of its existence. The congregation has done quite well in raising all required amounts for local, conference and Synod, totalling about $2400.00. If it had not been for the loss of close to $300.00 in faulty work on the pipe organ, the congregation would have cleared itself. But this only urges us to more persistent endeavor.

The last year has also seen the beginning of the Columbia Hospital. We rejoice that that soon our conference will have a hospital here. We are urged to support it in every way possible and I'm sure we all will do so.

Perhaps this year will see the complete merger of Memorial Lutheran and First Lutheran Church. A strong Lutheran Church working harmoniously would be a great advantage here. We hope all will proceed to that end.

Ministerial Acts:

Holy Baptism - Sixteen baptisms were performed in 1936. All were children. The parents of two children were members. All others were non-members.

Ten couples united in Holy Matrimony - two members.

Funerals - fifteen funerals - one member, John Enberg.

Reception and Dismissal of members: - four adults received and one child

Dismissal 6 - 10

Ministerial Acts(cont'd.)

Four confirmed - two girls and two boys. Total received - [illegible], one child. (Fifty-three men and sixty-seven women - 1926)

Members 1927-45 men 65 women 34 C

On behalf of myself and family, I wish to thank all members and friends who have so kindly and generously encouraged us in our work during 1926.

God bless us all.

Respectfully,

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Astoria, Oregon
January 11, 1927

YEARLY MEETING OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ASTORIA, ORE.,

on January 12, 1927.

Meeting opened by Scriptural reading and song.

A. E. Engbretson was nominated as Secretary for the year. Motions closed and carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The pastorial report was read. It was moved and duly seconded that the report be accepted and filed with the minutes.

Treasure Report:

Dr.		Cr.	
Dues from members	$923.65	Rev. E. A. Larson, Salary	1097.00
Collections, Sundays	220.44	Howard Backlund	40.75
Christmas Collections	72.00	Anna Bergman	35.00
Ladies Aid	300.00	Mable Johnson	10.00
Luther League, Donations	10.00	Anton Peterson	76.50
Dorcas Society	150.00	Runar Rasmus	34.00
John Anderson	10.00	O. R. White, Organ	288.95
Ed. Finney	10.00	L. C. Stiemke, Organ	190.45
H. Anderson	10.00	Thorstin Rudbeck	13.20
Alo. Svanson	5.00	Water	30.00
Knute Anderson	10.00	Pac. Power & Light Co. light	28.23
Luther League, Light Fix.	48.00	Light Fixture	48.00
Knute Orbistroms Concert	45.60	Astoria National Bank	200.00
Borrowd. Ast. National Bank	200.00	Interest	8.25
" And. Young	300.00	Conf. Dues	122.00
Luther League, O.F.	15.00	Wood & Coal	10.00
Easter Crasses	64.10	Insurance	16.80
Unis Fund	13.50	Augustana Book Concern	11.89
Luther League, O.F.	24.45	Easter Crasses	5.38
Salmon Dinner	40.60	Pension Fund	26.63
		Collections Paid Out	19.00
		J. T. Jacobs	33.50
		Miscellaneous	8.09
		Christmas Collection	72.00
	$2472.34		$2425.62
Balance Forwarded	18.54		
	$2490.88		
Expenditures	2425.62	(Emil Rasmus, Treasurer)	
Balance	$65.26		

Auditors' Report: We the undersigned duly appointed auditors of the church accounts have this day audited the Treasurer's books of the First Lutheran Church and found them correct. We also recommend that our present treasurer be reelected for 1927. Dated, Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 10, 1927.

(Signed) JOHN SLOTTE

CHAS. LARSON

It was moved report be accepted and filed and carried.

Ladies' Aid Society Report:

Receipts		Disbursements	
Collection at Meetings	$104.90	Church Treasurer	$300.00
Annual Sale	271.15	Street Assessment	54.99
Cooking Sales	99.75	Dishes	41.90
Church Dinner	68.10	Flowers	3.00
		Merchandise	32.13
		Ice Cream, etc.	6.80
		E. Rasmus, Bal. on dinner	40.60
		Advertising	8.46
		Laundry	2.36

Ladies' Aid Society Report: (Con.)

Forwarded Receipts		Disbursements	
	$543.90		$490.24
Balance Forwarded 1925	42.88		
	586.78		
Collection, Dec. 1925, not Dep.	7.35		
	594.13		
Disbursements	490.24		
	103.89		
Two checks not cashed when statement was sent in. A. E. Cook & Fryy Laundry, amounting to	1.68		
Balance on hand 1926	$105.57		

Moved that the report be accepted and filed. Carried.

Auditors Report:--We the undersigned have gone over the books of the Ladies' Aid Society and found them to be correct.

(Signed)

Dorcas Society Report:

Receipts		Disbursements	
Cash brought forward from 1925	$55.24	Astoria Florist	$1.50
Dues, Jan.	3.00	A. H. Frotter	4.87
Collection	1.75	Emil Rasmus	50.00
Collections at meeting	4.10	Bee Hive	10.34
Dues, Feb.	1.31	Bee Hive	.40
Collection	2.53	Mrs. F. Swanson	1.22
Dues, March	1.80	Bee Hive	9.68
Collection	1.40	Emil Rasmus	100100
Packagebooth	6.75		
Dues, May	2.10		
Collection	1.90		
June Dues	1.30		
" Collection	1.90		
July Dues	1.10		
" Collection	3.25		
Aug. Dues	.70		
" Collection	1.60		
Sept. Dues	.80		
" Collection	1.70		
" Sale	102.75		
Oct. Dues	1.20		
" Collection	.90		
Nov. Dues	1.40		
" Collection	1.65		
" Candy	6.14		
" Fancywork	5.85		
Dec. Dues	.60		
" Collection	1.75		
Total	$216.42	Total	$184.66
		Balance in Bank 1-4-27	31.76
	216.42		216.42

Moved the report be accepted. Carried.

Auditors Report: We the undersigned duly elected to audit the books of the treasurer of the Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church having duly audited the books find them correct as follows: Balance brought forward from 1925, $55.24, total receipts for 1927, $161.18; total expenses for 1926, $184.66; Balance on hand Jan. 4, 1927, $31.76. Astoria, Ore., Jan. 4, 1927.

(Signed) AGNES ANDERSON

E. ARTHUR LARSON

Womem's Missionary Society Report:

Receipts				Disbursements		
for 1925.	Dues	$18.50		Feb. 5	Dues	$18.50
	Collection	3.50	21.80		Contingent Fund	1.90
" 1926.				Sept.8	1.00 per member from Home Mission Festival	23.00
Dues. Jan. 13			15.50		Augustana Mission Home	5.75
Jan. Collection			2.55		Dues	11.50
Feb. 24	Dues		1.00		Contingent Fund	2.30
Mar. 29	Collection at Festival		18.65	Oct. 5	Dues for one life member(~~to Omaha Chapel Fund~~)	10.00
Apr. 14	Dues		1.00		To Omaha Chapel Fund	3.00
	Collection		4.10		" Synodical Mission	3.00
June 4	Dues		2.50	Dec. 13	" Bethfage	10.00
	Collection		4.85			
Aug. 11	Dues		1.00			
	Collection		5.85			
Sept.18	Donation from P.Wanstrom		3.00			
Oct. 13	Dues		1.50			
	Collection		5.90			
Dec. 8	Dues		5.20			
12	Collection at Fest.		10.00			
	Total receipts		$104.40		Total disbursements	$88.95
					Balance in Bank Jan. 1, 1927	15.45
			$104.40			$104.40

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Auditors Report: We the undersigned, have gone over the books of the Woman's Missionary Society and find the books to be correct.

(SIGNED)

Luther League Report:

Receipts		Disbursements	
Dues	$36.65	To Church for Light Fixtures	44.00
Collections	30.77	" " " Organ Fund	39.45
Valentine Social	11.80	" Portland District.L.L.	50.70
From Treble Cleff	24.45	To Church	10.00
From Ice Cream Social	52.25	Miscellaneous	35.20
From Refreshments at Luthl Brotherhood	10.50		
Miscellaneous	7.11		
Brought	173.53		
forward from 1925	9.57		
Total Receipts	183.10	Total Expenditures	179.35
		Balance on Hand,Dec.31,-26	3.75
	$183.10		$183.10

Moved the report be accepted and carried.

Auditors Report: We have audited these books and found them O.K.

(SIGNED) CORA NELSON

R. E. ENGBRETSON

Sunday School Report:

Balance brought forward	$6.19	Expenses	$156.49
From Order of Runeberg	4.50		
Birthday Offering	4.00		
Easter Offering	18.32		
Home for the Aged-Seattle	30.65		
Gift from Mrs. Holmes	1.50		
S.S. Xmas Program Collection	22.25		
Rev. Korhonen. S.S.Books	2.50		
S. S. Collections	94.23		
Total	184.14		156.49
		Balance on hand	27.65
	$184.14		$184.14

Moved and seconded the report be accepted. Carried.

Auditors' Report: We the undersigned, have audited the books of the First Lutheran Sunday School and found them correct.

(SIGNED) R. E. RASMUS
C. W. BIRCH

Deacons: Terms of Mr. Moberg and Mr. Elfving expire. Moved that Mr. Elfving and Mr. Moberg be nominated. Moved the nomonations be closed. Seconded and carried. Mr. A. Elfving and Mr. Moberg elected for 3 years.

Mr. Moberg	Nominated	Mr. Nelson	(declined)
Mr. Rasmus	"	Mr. Hoyer	
Mr. Rasmus	"	Mr. W. Jacobson	
Mr. Engbretson	"	Mr. E. Rasmus	
Mr. Finney	"	Mr. Herman Benson	

Moved the nominations be closed. Seconded and carried.

Roy Engbretson and R. Rasmus as tellers.

Mr. Hoyer and Mr. Rasmus were elected for 3 years. Herman Benson for 2 yrs.

Sunday School Supt: Moved that Rev. Larson be elected S. S. Supt. Moved the nomination be closed and unanimously elected. Carried.

Assistant Supt. of Sunday School: Miss E. Larson was nominated. Miss Cora Nelson nominated. Miss Mable Johnson. (Declined). Moved the nominations be closed. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mr. Finney that Miss Mable Johnson and Howard Backlund be nominated as organists. Moved nominations be closed. Carried.

Janitor: R. Rasmus nominated. Moved nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast. Seconded and carried.

Delegate to Columbia Conference at Mt. Vernon: Nominated. J. Slotti, Mrs. Lidberg. Mr. C. Johanson (declined) J. Slotti Elected. Mrs. Lidberg, alternate.

Delegate to Dist. Conference at Portland: Nominations

Mr. Finney	
Mr. Elfving	(declined)
Mrs. Enberg	"
C. Larson	"
Engbretson	"
Moberg	"

Moved the nominations be closed and vote be cast for Mr. Finney as delegate. Seconded and carried.

Moved that Mr. Carl Moberg be alternate to the District Conference. Moved nominations be closed. Carried.

Recommendations of Pastor:

1. That the unit of the two churches be effected this year.

2. If the merger is not effected that the congregation be self supporting together with Mist and Skamakowa.

Moved by Rasmus that we petition the Mission Board $250 instead of $300. Seconded and Carried.

3. Recommended the envelope system. Moved that we leave the matter to the Board.

4. Recommend that the Brotherhood be established.

5. Special choir for twice a month singing.

6. Put a new roof on the church and parsonage. Moved by Slotti that we reroof the building if necessary. Seconded and carried.

7. Purchase new hymnal.

8. Recommend that the parsonage be enlarged on report of committee.

9. Church get-to-gether festival on March 23. Moved that we have a festival. Seconded and carried.

10. District Mission meeting be held here on April 19-20.

11. Two weeks Bible school this summer. Moved that we have a 2-week Bible school if Pastor Larson sees so fit. Seconded and carried.

12. Equip one room in the hospital, all societies aiding. Moved we endorse this move.

13. Recommended that one of the church papers is in each home.

Budget: for 1927.

Receipts		Disbursements	
Dues from members	$1000.00	Unis Fund	$ 15.00
Ladies' Aid	300.00	T. J. Jacobs	25.00
Dorcas Society	75.00	Aug. Book Concern	42.95
Luther League	50.00	Columbia Conf. Dues	228.00
Sunday Collections	225.00	Rev. E. A. Larson	1150.00
Donations	50.00	Organist Salary	100.00
Easter Collections	75.00	Janitor's Salary	60.00
From Conference	250.00	Light & Water	60.00
From Dinners	109.74	Conf. Dues	250.00
		Repair to Church & Pars.	150.00
Balance on hand	65.26	Miscellaneous	119.05
	$2200.00		$2200.00

Moved that we accept the attached budget for the year. Seconded. Carried.

Reading of a list of contributors.

Moved we extend our hearty thanks to all those who have helped in any way in our church work. Carried.

Moved the letter read be placed on file.

Moved we adjourn. Carried.

E. Duncan

Annual Report Of The Pastor To The First Lutheran Church

To the members of the First Lutheran Congregation, in annual meeting assembled this 10th day of January 1928. Grace and Peace in Jesus, our Lord.

I herewith wish to submit the following report covering our work for 1927.

In 1st. Cor. 3, vs. 9 and 11, we read: "For we are laborers together with God, ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writing to the congregation at Corinth calls them fellow laborers in the Kingdom of God. We can justly apply this appellation to us here in this congregation. Christ has called us to serve him in His Kingdom and together we are to work harmoniously for the upbuilding of the Church both locally and at large. During the year that has passed we all have had the opportunity to work for the advancement of this our local Church, and also to experience the blessing of such labor, for the Word of God tells us that faithful laborers are sought for in the Kingdom of God and that he who laborers earnestly and faithfully shall receive his own reward according to his own labor, for God giveth the increase. In this work as members of the Kingdom of God we are building upon the true and eternal foundation of the living Church of God which is, Jesus Christ.

During the eight and one half years of our service with you we have endeavored by the grace of God, to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to one and all. We have tried to hold fast the Apostolic admonition to build upon the foundation which is, Jesus Christ. We have seen that just as in the natural world there is a season of sowing and one of growing and one of harvest, so we have during these years, experienced the results of the sowing, growing and harvesting process. There must be progression and advancement and we believe that there has been advancement in the Church during these years. Now as we stand ready to depart from our first field of labor we do so with keen regret for we know that you have as fellow laborers worked with us all these years, and the love and regard of members and friends has been evident toward us always. Let us not be weary in well doing for though changes come in outward and inward matters yet we know that the word of God is eternal for Jesus has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My Word shall not pass away."

Be faithful laborers in God's vineyard, holdfast to the Word of God, and build both as individuals and as a congregation upon the eternal foundation, Jesus Christ. God who has blessed us richly this year and the year's that have gone by in our ministry, will then continue to bless this congregation. This is the message I give to you as we are gathered together for the last time as Pastor and Congregation.

I wish to present the following as a review of our work for 1927:

I - Divine Services: Services have been held regularly this year as the foregoing year, with every other service alternating Swedish and English. We have noted with pleasure, a better attendance than other years. Especially during the last three months. This is a good sign, for it means that the spiritual life of the congregation is alive and is being fostered. Spiritual indifference among young and old is the curse of the age and regular and earnest attendance at services is a very strong means to combat it. We regret though that under existing conditions the children and young people are not as interested as they should be and we should try in every possible way to bring them to Church services.

II - The Means of Grace: The Word of God is preached at all services and used in the homes for the spiritual advancement of congregation and individuals. The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to eighteen children this year. No adults have been baptized. Our people realize the value of bringing the child to God through Baptism in infancy. We are happy to note that this is true, but we must not stop there, the child must be brought up to preserve the faith in which it was baptized. The Lord's Supper has been administered four times during the year. Although more attended this year than other years, yet we realize that many stay away either on account of ignorance, fear, or indifference. It should not be so. All members should come to the Lord's Table and receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

III - Religious Training of Children: This is a very important part of the Church's program, for we look to the children of today to be the Church of tomorrow, therefore it is important to be attentive to religious education. The Sunday School is a very important factor in the training of the child in the Bible and the teachings of the Church, so that the child will understand and remain faithful to the Word of God and our Lutheran Church. At present there are about fifty enrolled in our Sunday School with a teaching corps of ten. The Lutheran graded system is used, and found to be satisfactory. Our teachers are to be commended for their interest and for their regularity in attendance. We urge that greater efforts be made to obtain new students and to organize Bible Class, in which the confirmed children can be placed. Thus we mention also the Confirmation School. It is highly essential that this School be kept up and the pastor comes in touch with the young people in this school. This year a class of nine were confirmed and received as members of the Church. The Pastor has instructed a class of seven since last September and we hope that this class will continue to receive instruction and be confirmed next Spring.

IV - The Societies of the Church have this year helped the cause of our Church greatly. We appreciate the work of all Societies for the purposes of raising funds for Home and Foreign work for furthering Christian Fellowship and for interesting outsiders in our Church.

(1) The Ladies Aid Society: This Society which does so well every year has done even better this year. Meetings are held once a month, with an average attendance about thirty. The Society has raised by various means, $350.00 to pay for the furnishing of a room at the Columbia Hospital, also they have contributed $300.00 to the Church Treasury. We feel certain that this Society will continue to grow and prosper inthe future and we say to the ladies, well done.

(2) Women's Missionary Society: This Society works for the cause of Missions. In her Home and Foreign. They have contributed liberally to these various causes, and have held during the year several missionary programs. This work is necessary for every congregation and we are happy to note a missionary spirit prevalent. We urge more ladies to join.

(3) Dorcas Society: The Dorcas Society which is a Society of girls and young ladies, meets once a month. The Dorcas Society has presented to the congregation a lasting token of their good will by granting the new Hymnals. We are proud of this noble gift. They also contributed $105.00 to the Church Treasury. May God bless and give them success this coming year.

(4) Luther League: This is a young peoples organization, and although primarily for the purpose of giving the young confirmed boys and girls an opportunity to take part in the Church work, it is also an organization to further the best interests of Christian young people. They have also contributed to the Church Treasury, and as members of the Portland District Luther League, paid out $75.00 as donation to the Columbia Hospital, and also $50.00 for other purposes in the District and Conference. We urge our young people to rally around this Society and to make it a worthwhile organization.

(5)

V - Church Government: The officers of the Church are the deacons and trustees. There are six one each board. Regular monthly meetings have been held and problems and interests of the Church have been discussed. The committee appointed to look into the matter of obtaining a lot down town near the Hospital for the future use of the Church have priced several lots but agree that the northeast corner lot at 18th & Franklin across from the Columbia Hospital is an excellent location. The board also oiled the Church and Parsonage roofs this Fall, which was very much needed. The board also sponsored a strawberry social last June.

VI - Improvements and Finances: No great improvements have been made this Year, although it was decided last year to renovate the Parsonage kitchen, nothing has been done. As stated before the Church and Parsonage roofs were oiled. It is evident though that quite a bit of work is necessary to put the properties in first class shape. The financial end of the congregation has been well taken care of by our board, but especially by the Treasurer, Mr. Emil Rasmus. Reports submitted tonight will show that upwards of twenty-one hundred dollars have been raised for local and general expenses. When all work together it is not difficult to obtain the funds. If the money could come in monthly the problem of raising funds would be simplified.

VII - General Remarks: We regret that the merger of the First Lutheran and Memorial Congregations was not successful. We believe that this congregation working zealously in a central location as an all-English Church will be more successful. We rejoice that the Columbia Hospital is doing well. The Hospital cornerstone laying was held in April, and the dedication the July 31st, 1927. Let us do all we can to help further the cause of our Lutheran Hospital. Various individuals and our own Ladies Aid donated sums of money to this Institution. During the year the congregation raised $52.00 for Foreign Missions. In January 1927 the Baccalaureate exercises of the High School were held at our Church. On March 23rd, the 47th Anniversary of the Church was fittingly celebrated. The Easter services and appropriate Sunday School Program were held in April. A class of nine were confirmed the first Sunday in June. A successful Strawberry Social was held the latter part of June. The first Sunday of August the congregation and Sunday School held their Annual Picnic at the Seaside home of Capt. and Mrs. C. A. Larson. Several of the men went out to the A. E. Engbretsons ranch and cut wood for the Church, the Luther League by Bible Conference and District Convention was held at Colton, Oregon in August. The Pastor alone was in attendance. In September the Ladies Aid together with some of the men of the board served Chicken Dinner which was very successful. The Luther League raised quite a sum at the Booth which they had at the County Fair in September. Several members of the Luther League with Howard Backlund as chairman tried to obtain subscriptions for our Church Papers. We urge each home to provide themselves with one of our Church Papers. The Annual Portland District Meetings were held in our Church Nov. 8th & 9th. The Ladies Aid and the Dorcas Sales were successful being held in October and December. Sunday evening December 18. the Dorcas Society presented to the Church fourty-eight new Hymnals. Christmas meetings were well attended both at Jul Otta and the Sunday School program.

VIII - Ministerial Acts: At the beginning 1927 there were forty-fi[illegible] members, sixty-five women, thirty-nine children. During the year the Pastor has officiated at eighteen baptisms, nine boys and nine girls. The parents of four of these children we are members. A class of nine were confirmed this June, two boys and seven girls. Twenty-three marriages have been performed, only one Miss Ruth Slot[illegible], being a member. The Pastor has officiated at forty-eight funerals, although no members have died in Astoria, yet we note with sorrow that Mrs. Olaf Anderson died in her home at Oakland, Calif. Four adults and one child were received as members during the year. adults and children were dismissed. The total membership at present is men, women, children.

On behalf of Mrs. Larson and myself, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the members and friends of the congregation and its organizations for all love manifested in various ways for faithfulness in service and for harmony throu[illegible] our years of labor here. We regret leaving this field, we have nothing but pleasant memories of our stay here. You have treated us royally and with much love and friendship. God bless you,one and all as congregation in your homes, and as individuals. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting with you all many times. Again we say, a hearty thanks and wish God's richest care and blessing.

Astoria, Oregon - January 10, 1928.

Your humble pastor and servant in Christ.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HELD JANUARY 10, 1928

The annual meeting of the First Lutheran Church was opened by a song by the congregation, scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Larson. The election of Secretary pro-tem. Those nominated were Mr. E. Rasmus, Mrs. Carl Johanson, and Mrs. A. A. Larson. Mrs. Larson was elected.

The minutes of the previous meeting were omitted, due to the absence of the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Engbretsen. Pastoral report was read by Rev. Larson. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted as read and placed on file. The treasurer's report for 1927 was read and accepted. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. The auditor's report was given and accepted. The treasurer's report follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1927.

Cash Receipts		Cash Payments	
Dues from members	916.25	Rev. Larson's salary, 1927	$1,150.00
Sunday collections	325.98	Rev. Larson's salary, 1926	91.00
Christmas collection	84.64	E. Bicklund's salary, organist	61.00
Ladies' Aid	300.00	Mable Johnson, organist	33.25
Luther League	50.00	Runar Rasmus, janitor	56.00
Dorcas Society	115.00	Wood & coal	19.00
Borrowed [illegible] Bank	150.00	Supplies	[illegible]
Mission collection	20.00	Water	[illegible]
Strawberry Social	9.[illegible]	Light	[illegible]
Chicken dinner	143.30	Interest & service	[illegible]
Church picnic	10.10	Conference dues, 1927.	[illegible]
Donations	4.00	Conference dues, 1926.	2[illegible]
	2,139.02	Insurance	11.[illegible]
Balance brot forw'd	65.20	Augustana Book Concern	[illegible]
Total receipts	2,204.20	Pension fund	[illegible]
Total paym'ts	2,144.22	Collections paid out	[illegible]
Bal. on hand 1/1/'28	60.06	Miscellaneous	[illegible]
		Christmas collection-Rev.	[illegible]
		Foreign Missions	[illegible]
		Mission Collection	[illegible]
		Total Payments	[illegible]

Emil Rasmus, Treasurer.

The report from the Ladies' Aid treasurer was next. [illegible] made seconded that we accept the report as read. The auditor's report was read accepted. The report follows:

REPORT OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Receipts		Payments	
Collections at meetings-	$ 96.35	Church treasury	$300.00
Annual Sale	268.17	Street Assessment	52.05
Cooking Sales	106.25	Flowers	6.00
Silver Tea & Supper	79.50	Merchandise	9.25
Donations	15.75	Advertising	.50
Cook Books (Mrs. Lidberg)	23.10	Laundry	6.75
	589.12		
Balance brot forw'd	105.57	Columbia Hospital	150.00
Total receipts	694.69		524.75
Total paym'ts	525.25	Paid Astoria Nat'l Bank	.50
Balance on hand 1/1/28	169.44	Total Payments	525.25

Laura Elfving, Treasurer.

To the Church Council:
We, the undersigned have audited the books and found them correct.

Mrs. L. O. Noffsinger

Mrs. Ruth E. Pedersen

REPORT ON HOUSEHOLD DIGEST FOR COLUMBIA HOSPITAL

Receipts		Payments	
Donations & Cooking sale	$104.35	To Columbia Hospital	$200.00
Sale of Household Digest	119.50	Mrs. Elfving	23.85
Total receipts	223.85	Total payments	223.85

Signed Mrs. Maria Lidberg.

We, the undersigned auditors, find the above statement correct.

Mrs. L. O. Noffsinger

Mrs. Ruth E. Pedersen.

An incomplete report was given by the Luther League. A motion was [illegible] onded and carried that the treasurer of the Luther League make a report [illegible] the same to the Church Council.

The report from the Sunday School treasurer was read. A motion was [illegible] seconded that the report be accepted. The report follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Receipts		Payments	
Balance brot forw'd	$27.65	Expenditures	[illegible]
Picnic			
Collection	92.34		
[illegible]	2.75		
[illegible] Christmas Offering	18.03		
[illegible] receipts	[illegible]		
[illegible] Expenditures	[illegible]		
[illegible]	27.71		

[illegible], Treasurer.

The undersigned has audited the Sunday School Cash Book of the First Lutheran Church and found it to be in first class condition.

Emil Rasmus.

The report for the Missionary Society had been turned over to the secretary. Due to his absence, no report was given.

Mr. Rasmus gave a report on the amount of dues paid by members.

There was no report from the treasurer of the Dorcas Society. The following report was compiled by the auditors, which follows:

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF DORCAS SOCIETY TREASURY

We, the undersigned, having this day audited the Treasurer's books of the Dorcas Society beg to submit the following:

Receipts		Payments	
Total from dues, collections,		Treasurer First Lutheran Church	$100.00
donations, and Fancy Work Sale		Augustana Book Concern for Hymnals	57.83
for 1927	$174.81	Donation to Columbia Hospital	10.00
Balance brot forw'd	31.76	Astoria National Band for service	3.00
Total receipts	206.57	Other bills paid for sundry accts.	29.57
Total payments	200.40	Total payments	200.40
Balance on hand 1/1/28	6.17		

The undersigned having no Treasurers report or bank statement for December do not know if these figures are correct.

Astoria, Oregon- January 10, 1928

Cora Nelson

Rev. Larson

Dorcas Flower Fund on hand $2.24

Communication:

The following letter was received from Dr. C. R. Swanson. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the communication be placed on file as read.

December 28, 1927.

Secretary,
First Lutheran Church,
Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have received the petition from the members of the First Lutheran Church of Astoria. The petition does not make clear to me whether it was passed by the church as a whole or whether it is from individual members. I have felt that I should give an answer to this petition. In the first place, I am happy to state that we rejoice in the fact that there are people in Astoria who love their pastor, and who think a lot of him. That shows the right kind of a spirit, but it is stated in your petition that Reverend Larson is to be transferred to the pastorate of another church. Now this is a misunderstanding. The Reverend Larson has been called to another pastorate by the mission board, and the privilege is with him to decide whether he shall accept this call or not, and does not lie within the province of the mission board to decide this matter. If Reverend Larson should decide to stay in Astoria he has that privilege. The mission board has simply issued a call to him, and if he finds it expedient to answer it negatively of affirmatively, he has that privilege, and I have personally made this clear to Rev. Larson.

Yours truly,

C. R. Swanson.

Election of officers:

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the outgoing deacons be re-elected. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Herman Slotte and Fred Nordstrom be re-elected as trustees. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Cora Nelson be elected Sunday School superintendent. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Noffsinger be assistant superintendent.

Organist: Howard Backlund and Mrs. A. E. Engbretsen were nominated. Mrs. Engbretsen was elected.

Sexton: Runar Rasmus was unanimously elected as sexton.

Salaries: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the organist be paid $1.50 for each service until the regular services be held. The sexton salary to remain the same.

Delegates: Mrs. Johanna Norberg was elected delegate to represent the First Lutheran congregation at the Portland District convention. Herman Slotte was elected as alternate. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the treasurer for the delegates be paid by the congregation. Mr. Herman Slotte was elected delegate to

the Columbia Conference. Mr. Carl Moberg was elected alternate.
Petitions: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we petition the following societies for the designated amounts:

Ladies' Aid	$300.00
Dorcas Society	75.00
Luther League	75.00

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to officers, individuals, and organizations for their co-operation during the past year. A vote of thanks was given Rev. and Mrs. Larson. The meeting adjourned with song and benediction.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AT ASTORIA OREGON ON NOVEMBER 29th, 1927.

A special meeting was called as announced from the pulpit ten days previously. The purpose was to consider the resignation of the Pastor as read from the pulpit.

The meeting was opened by son and scripture reading. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and approved.

There being no old business to report on at this time, the purpose for which the meeting was called was in order.

The selection of a chairman was in order. Mr. Finney and Mr. J. Slotte were nominated.

Mr. Finney received 13 votes.

Mr. Slotte received 5 votes.

Mr. Finney was elected and acted as chairman.

Mr. Finney stated the purpose of the meeting. He expressed that being that Pastor Larson was so well liked both by the community and the church this was and important event in the history of the church. Mr. Slotte expressed himself as being surprised and that Rev. Larson's resignation was a serious detriment to the Church.

Mr. Moberg moved that we do not accept Rev. Larson's resignation. The motion was seconded, but being that it was negatibe the motion was out of order.

Mr. C. Moberg moved that the resignation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rasmus.

Rev. L arson was called upon to state if it were possible to have the resignation with drawn.

Rev. Larson stated that he was surprised to have received a call from the Mission Board in September. It was discussed at the conference Mission meeting at Warren later by Rev. Swanson, the President of the Conference. The Conference Board had taken this step after Rev. Anderson's death. It was their plan to have a pastor here that would act as the Superintendent of the Columbia Hospital, looking after the church as well. After looking the field over, Reverend Larson thought that it looked quite promising and it was finally accepted.

Mr. Lidberg expressed her regret at seeing Rev. Larson leave.

Mr. Holmes stated that Rev. Larson was the best pastor that we had ever had and that the church was in the best shape that it ever had been.

Mr. Rasmus objected to having the thing put over on this Congregation.

Mrs. Johanson told how pleased she was with Rev. Larson and his family.

Mrs. Norberg stated that she had returned to the Lutheran Church because of the type of Pastor Rev. Larson is.

There was a unanimous vote for accepting Rev. Larson's resig nation.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPT. 7th, 1928.

Aspecial meeting of the Congregation of the First Lutheran Church was held on Sept. 7th Rev. Andeed of Spokane, Wash. acted as Chairman in the absence of Rev. Johnson who is vice Pastor of the Congregation.

The regular secretary, A. Engbretson,not being present, C00. Moberf was elected secretary for the meeting.

Amotion was made and carried that the Congregation petition the Conference theat Rev. A. G. Anderson of Vancouver B. C. be relieved from duty at that place . The motion carried. A motion was made that Rev. Anderson be called as a temporary pastor for this Congregation and that he be requested to come to Astoria as soon as possible.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Signed Carl O. Moberg,

Sec. Pro tem.

FEBRUARY 21st, 1928.

8P. M.

Meeting opened by scripture reading and prayer by Dr. Albert Okerstrom/.

Mr. A. E. Engbretson was nominated and unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

Herman Slotte was elected secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of the congregation were read and approved.

Mr. Carl Moberg then outlined and stated the purpose of the meeting, namely that of calling a pastor for the church. After some discussion, a motion was make and seconded, and unanimously passed to call Dr. Albert Okerstrom as pastor of the First Lutheran Church at a salary of $1000.00 per annum.

After some discussion relative to the future work and welfare of the church, the meeting adjourned with prayer and benediction by Dr, Okerstrom.

Herman Slotte

Sec. Pro tem.

YEARLY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.
AT ASTORIA, OREGON JANUARY 9th, 1928.

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The Following were nominated as candidates for organist

Howard Backlund	14 votes
Mrs. Engbretson	2 "
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The two receiving the highest votes vere elected as organists.

PASTOR'S REPORT

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

The undersigned wishes to present the following pastoral report to the congregation concerning the activities for the past year. The congregation sustained a big loss the first part of the year when iis beloved pastor Ernest Arthur Larson agter a long faithful and successful ministry of almost nine years as pastow of the Church moved away to Tacoma, Wash. Dr. Albert Okerstrom, Superintendent of the Columbia Hospital was called toserve as pastor of the Church. The call was accepted. Unfortunately, Dr. Okerstrom resigned aftera few months' service and moved away in the fall. The Church Board requested the Conference to call the undersigned temporarily from British Columbia to serve the congregation until a permanant pastor could be secured. The work was taken up the last part of September and until the present I have servedas acting Pastor.

Early in December the congregation called Rev. G. K. Andeen, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church of Spokane, as pastor. No reply has b has been received at this date. We earnestly hope that Rev. G. K."Andeen will accept the call. He is an able and seccessful pastor. Naturally the church work has suffered from the many changes. At the same time the congregation has been fortunate in not having the pulpit vacant even though the service has been of a temporary nature.

Services have been conducted atrenately in English and Swedish The attendance has been about the same whichever language has been used. The services have been bery poorly attended. The average during the pa past three months at the morning services has been and that for the evening service .

Several communion services have been held, two, within the last three months. The number comuning has not been large.

The Mission meeting was held in November (Nov. and). The acting pastor was away at the time on account of sickness. Four pastors were in attendance.

The Union Thanksgiving service was held by all the combined Lutheran churches in our church. A fine program was rendered. The Church was crowded.

On Christmas Day Orresamg (early morning service) was hedd in Swedish at 6:00 A. M. The church was practically filled. English service was held at 10:00. The attendance was small but it was worth while holding the service.

The Children's Programs have been given twice during the year, one on Easter Sunday and the other the Second Day Chrishmas. The Christmas program under the direction of Miss Cora Nelson, Superintendent, was very good. Yhe attendance at the program was fair.

New Year's Wake was held New Year's Eve. It consisted of a sh short program, a social hour and a short vesper service in the church before midnight. The attendance of young and old was a little over forty. The Watch Night Service proved worth while.

ASpecial W.M.S. prayer service was held in the church in advent. A Bible Study and prayer hour has been conducted fairly regularily in the Church before evening services and two cottage prayer meetings were held during fall and early winter.

Sunday School has been conducted regularly for the instruction of the young except during the Summere vacation of theSunday School. M Miss Cora Nelson has served efficiently as Superintendent. The average enrollment has been 52 and the average attendance of scholars 32 Nine

young people have freely given of their time to serve as teachers.

A confirmation Class was organized towards the end of the year. Seven young people are now enrolled in this class. They meet regularly every Saturday.

During the year the following pastoral acts have been performed:-

Fifteen children have been baptized.

Three marriages have been solemnized.

Four funerals have been conducted.

Besides these, numerous calls have been made by the pastors to h homes, hospital and sick beds. Some papers and books have been distributed, but not to a great extent.

Societies

The Societyies of the church have been active as usual during the year. The officers that have served deserve credit for the work that they have done.

The Ladies' Aid is the oldest, the biggest and the the strongest of the Societies. It numbers 45 members. Aspecial report is presented. It has done splendid work. $350 have been donated to the church, $25 to the Hospital, and over $30 have been paid on stove and its installation in the pars - onage ets. Mrs. Lidberg has been the efficient president.

The Luther League has helped the church to the extent of $100. Mr. A. E. Engbretson has been the efficient president.

The D orcas Society has been very active. The membership is small but in spite of this good work has been done. $75.00have been donated towards the Church and $25.00 to the Columbia Hospital. Miss Enberg was the President.

The Choir met and practised for Christmas under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Engbretson. Mrs. George Salvon and others have sung in the Church. We thank all of them. More should be done along this line.

The Church Board has met regularly every monthe to consider the affairs of the church. Special meetings have been held when the occasion has called for them. The members have met up fairly well. Some have been out of town and unabel to attend. Mr. Emil Rasmus has serve efficiently as treasurer. The other church officers at the end of the year are:---

Trustees

Deacons

Next to the pastor the welfareo f the Church depends upon the officers and the faithfulness with which they serve. The Church must elect

deacon and

trustee at this time.

The church numbered at the beginning of the year, 115 communicant members at the(end of the year) beginning of the year. The church has gained four members, received by letter. It has lost 2 by removal and five have been dropped. T

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The Church numbers at the end of the year, 112 communicalnt members.

Some of these 112 have shown little or no interest for a long period of time for which reason some may have to be dropped befor the report is made to the conference. We hope and pray that it may not be necessary. Let him who knows that he has not fulfilled his obligation do so.

One or more things of Spacial Interest.

Members of the Church responded wonderfully in rallying to help put the Columbia Hospital Appeal across. Many of the members serves as canvassers, some giving a great deal of valuable time. Members contributed wonderfully well. One member gave $2000, another gave $500, another $300 and many according to their ability or above their ability for this worthy cause most generously from $1 to $5; $10; $15; $25; $50. Fine spirit indeed.

The weekly envelope System was recommended to the Church B Board, but it was thought a little cumbersome. The Monthly Pledge was instead adopted. May it meet with the approval it merits by generous pledges from the members and friends of the Church.

There is a large deficit at the beginning of this year. The conference has not received its money. As we are dependent upon the Conference, we must see to it in some way that this money is paid as quickly as possible.

A number of members give generously according to their respective ability. We have on the other hand too, many who do not give in accordance with the requirements or their ability. $3; $4; or $5 a year, when a member can pay more, does not help the congregation to speak of. The dues to the Conference and Synod amount to $3.00 for each member. Giving is a "A "Christian grace" just as much as kindness, charity etc. We plead for a generaous response this year.

We wish also to lay upon the hearts of members the absolute necessity of a better church attendance. Every member who can, so should make it a point to be present ONCE EVERY SUNDAY. "Forget not the assembling of yourselves" pleads the Apostle. We do ti at the peril of our souls and the souls of our children. Morality has its roots in religion. We must worship. The children must be trained to love the services of the Church. In my experience as pastor during many years, I have found that unless the children are trained to go before they are confirmed they will not go, as a rule, after they are confirmed. Parents of the First Lutheran Church do not take your children home agter Sunday School, Come yourselbes and have the children stay.

A report of this kind should perhaps touch upon Christian Literature. To make the report short we only wish to urge those who do not take one of the Church papers to subscribe immediately. We have very fine Church papers. Our interest depends ypon our knowledge of what is going on in the Church at large. Especially do we urge every family to get a sypply of good religious books. We will be glad to give a list,

"Train a child the way he shall go and he will not depart from it" For our sake, for the sake fo others, we need these things.

Kindness and love has been shown the pastor and family on several occasions. We wish to thank officially the church and its members through this report.

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus abide with us .

Yours in Christ,

ANDREW G. ANDERSON.

Acting Pastor

Astoria, Oregon Jan. 9, 1929.

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

The Luther League has a membership of about forty. Aall regular meeting were held during the year as well as four special meetings. The attendonce has been good at most of the meetings. A program was given to raise a fund. A boothe was held at the County Fair. It was a success.

The Luther League serves as a means for the young members to get together and help with the church work.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Astoria National Bank.

Cash Receipts		Disbursements	
Jan. 1, 1928 Brought forward	$42,18	To Church	$25.00
Cash receipts to Feb. 10	14.00	Miscellaneous ex-	
Total Cash Receipts	56.18	penses to Feb. 10	4,65
Total Disbursements	29.65	Total Disbursements	29.65
	26.53		
Not deposited	2.00		
In Astoria Nat'l Bank	24.53		
Oct. 20 First Paym't Received	6.13		
Now in Astoria Nat'l Bank	18.40		

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BANK OF COMMERCE

Brought forward	$ 2.00	To Portland Dist. L.L	$56.40
Dues	20.25		
Colection	18.45	Fair Exp.	242.50
Geo Washington Party	3,45	To Church	75.00
Sept Social	28.55	To Luth. Comp.	
Fair Receipts	342.74	Public Library	
First Paym't Ast. Nat'l Bank	6.13	and Columbia Hosp.	4.00
Engbretson Hallowe'en Party	15.01	Misc. Expenses	10.68
Total Cash Receipty	436.58	Total Disbursements	$388.58
		Bal. to be carried forward	48.00
			$436.58

Ruth Rasmus
Treasurer

Audited by Albert and Elsie Engbretson.

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The report from the Dorcas Society was read. I t was moved and seconded that we accept the report from the Dorcas Society.

A report from the Ladies' Missionary Society was read. It was moved and seconded that we accept the report from the Missionary Society.

Each of the reports had been properly audited.

A report was read by the treasurer giving the amounts paid by each member of the congregation during the year.

The following were nominated for organists:---
Howard Backlund---------14 votes.
Mrs. Engbretson--------- 2 "
Mabel Johnson----------8 "
Howard Backlund became organist with Mabel Johnson as his assistant.
It was moved and seconded that we pay the organist $100.00 a year for salary.

The Board recommended that the members of the Board serve as janitor, each in his turn.
It was moved and seconded that the Janitor work be left to the Board.

Sunday School Superintendent It was moved that we elect Miss Cora Nelson as Sunday School Superintendent. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Nuffsinger be elected as vice Superintendent.

Deacons: It was moved and seconded that Mr. Sodefberg be elected to fill the unexpired term of A. Elfving for one year.
It was unanimously voted that Mr. John Slotte and A. E. Engbretson become Deacons for three years.

Trustees: Those nominated were Captain Larson and Herman Slotte. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Herman Slotte and Captain Larson. Carried.
I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Herman Slotte and Captain Larson for trustees.
Signed. A. E. Engbretson.

Delegates to District Conference: It was moved and seconded be elected as a delegate. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The moteion carried.

Delegates to the Conference: Those nominated were: Mr. Axel Finney; Mr. Charles Larson; and Mrs. Anna Engbretson.
Mrs. Anna Engbretson Declined.
Mr. Finney declined.
Mr. Charles Larson was elected.
Mr. Fritz Elfving was nominated as alternatice and was elected.

Date of District Meeting: It was moved that the date of the district meeting be left to the Pastor. The motion carried.

Transportation of Children: The Sunday School Superintendent made a recommendation that transportation be furnished to the children up on the hill. The matter was to be referred to the trustees.

Get-Together Supper: It was moved that we have a committee of 5 appointed to plan four dinners during the year. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Budget was presented as follows;
It was moved and seconded that we petition the Ladies' Aid for $350.00; The Dorcas for $75.00; and the Luther League for $100.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was

It was moved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the various church organizations and individuals for their support for the year.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. The motion carried.

Signed A. E. ENGBRETSON.
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